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MARCONI, HELLAS SEEK REVENGE



John Perin



Duncan Cummings

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Top two Philips League teams Marconi and South Melbourne Hellas will try to wipe out painful memories when they continue their bid for the 1978 championship on Sunday.

Marconi meets Adelaide Juventus at Marconi Oval, remembering the 0-4 and 0-1 losses to Juventus last season.

Hellas meets Fitzroy Alexander in the all-Greek clash at Middle Park.

A crowd of more than 10,000 is expected to be there to watch Hellas get revenge for the 5-2 thrashing handed out by Alexander when they met at Olympic Park last year.

If Marconi wins, Hellas must also win to keep in touch with the leadership. Already, Marconi is two points clear.

If Hellas wins and Marconi loses, Hellas will be well-placed to overtake Marconi, although Marconi has a far superior goal average.

Canberra could well become a major challenger to the two leaders this weekend by beating struggling Newcastle at Bruce Stadium.

Western Suburbs, the other team chasing the lead, will have a tough battle against Footscray J.U.S.T. at Englefield Stadium.

Marconi coach **Rale Rasic** will be hoping that Juventus does not field **John Perin** in their game on Sunday, for it was Perin who tore Marconi apart in their Sydney game early last year.

Coach **Edmund Kreft** left Perin out of the side that beat St. George 1-0 last week, preferring to use **Henry Kolecki**, the

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Western Suburbs captain **Peter Wilson** (left) smashes the ball away from Fitzroy forward **Mike Micevski** at Schintler Reserve. Picture by **SAM BELFONTE**

Fairbrother is for sale again

Barrie Fairbrother, the controversial striker who played with Orient and Millwall in England, has asked for a transfer only four weeks after joining Brisbane Lions.

Fairbrother is unhappy because he hasn't been able to break into the team. Lions paid \$10,000 for his transfer from Mooroolbark.

The money went into a special account

opened by the Australian Soccer Federation to pay debts of Mooroolbark, which was expelled from the Philips League early this year.

Fairbrother negotiated with South Melbourne Hellas and Adelaide Juventus before joining Lions.

He fractured a toe in a practice match for Lions against Brisbane City and has since been unable to replace Lions' other striker, **Alan Hughes**.

Another former Mooroolbark player yet to get into Lions' first team is **Paul Ontong**.

Clubs interested in buying Fairbrother should ring the Lions club in Brisbane on 372 2891.

Coach out, then mutiny

Bobby Thomson has been sacked as coach of Juventus (Vic) and Tommy Randles has resigned as coach of Slavia.

Juventus captain **Charlie Smith** took over from Thompson as temporary coach, but it's likely that he will retain the job on a full-time basis following a "mutiny" by his players.

Harry Chalkie, assistant coach at Slavia for the past three seasons, succeeds Randles, who will remain with Slavia as a player.

He resigned because he found that being a player-coach was too demanding. The situation at Juventus is not clear.

When Smith was appointed temporary coach, eight players refused to train or play under him.

However, the players — **Fausto Tarquinio**, **Ull**

Pisterer, **Claude Lucchesi**, **John Lucchesi**, **Lou Sannipoli**, **Tony Curcio**, **Bruno Sabidussi** and **Serge Sabidini** — played in Juve's 2-3 defeat to Frankston in the Dockerty Cup at the weekend.

Smith was not at the ground for the game, so it is not known if the players will continue to blackball him.

Smith was in hospital with a slipped disc in his back, and couldn't attend the game. Thomson's sacking came after a week of unrest within

the club. Committeemen **Mick Sorani** and **Tony Parial** resigned because they didn't agree with Thomson's coaching methods or the way he was working with the club administrators.

'Soccer Action' was first to inform Thomson of his sacking. No-one from Juventus club had thought to contact him.

"This isn't the best way to find out," said Thomson when 'Soccer Action' broke the news to him, "but I couldn't care less about being sacked."

"I had to drive from Lilydale to the city for training and it is a two-hour return trip."

Thomson said he felt sorry for the youngsters at Juventus.

"I was prepared to give the youngsters a go," he said, "but now they will probably get the axe."

"Lou Sannipoli, Fausto Tarquinio, and Tony Curcio, will probably have to give way to other players, even though they are talented."

"I felt a lot of uneasiness," said Bobby, "mainly because

By Kyle Patterson

Lou Kastner, the George Cross and former Victorian State team goalkeeper, was abducted and had threats made on his life last week.

Kastner was held for three hours in what he described as a "nervetracking experience".

He was also robbed of money and clothing and beaten by his three male abductors.

The drama started when Kastner was returning home from Mt Eliza, where he had been guest speaker at a junior soccer club.

KASTNER HELD AT KNIFEPOINT

He stopped his car at a set of traffic lights and was approached by a youth who asked for a lift.

"I told him I was turning right at the intersection," said Kastner, "so I couldn't give him a ride."

"Then another guy jumped in the passenger side door and said, 'You'll take us where we want to go.'"

Before he knew what was going on, Kastner had a knife at his throat, held by the youth who had jumped in the back seat.

"He also pulled my hair," said Lou, "and said if I didn't do as I was told I

would get a knife in my back.

"They made me drive to the middle of nowhere, and the guy in the back was pulling at my hair the whole time."

After robbing and kicking and punching Kastner, the three men fled on foot. "They were crazy," said Lou, "I had fears for my life."

The Mordialloc and Mornington C.I.B.'s are investigating the incident.

• Kastner now coach at Croatia, see page 6.

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Games

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IN MELBOURNE
South Melbourne Hellas v Fitzroy Alexander, Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide Hellas v Brisbane Lions, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Olympic v St. George, Erskineville Oval, 3 pm Sunday.
Western Suburbs v Footscray J.U.S.T., Englefield Stadium, 3 pm Sunday.
Marconi v Adelaide Juventus, Marconi Oval, 3 pm, Sunday.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v Hakoah-East, Perry Park, 3 pm Sunday

IN CANBERRA
Canberra v Newcastle at Bruce Stadium, 2.30 pm.

Philips League top goalscorers for the Constantine's Jewel Box award are — 4 Jankovic (Marco); 3 Hughes (Bris Lions), Grujicic (Can), C. Eaton (W.S.), Fisher (W.S.); 2 Marley (Bris City), Echeverria (Bris City), Rooney (Marco), Byrne (Marco), Silva (E.S.), Stevenson (E.S.), Senkalski (Syd Oly), O'Connor (St. Geo), Rogers (S.M.H.), Ollerton (S.M.H.).

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
Marconi	2	0	0	7	2	2	0	0	5	0
St. Geo. Hellas	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	3	1
West Suburbs	0	2	0	3	3	2	0	0	4	0
Hakoah-East	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	7	3
Brisbane City	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	2	4
St. George	1	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	4	2
Canberra	0	2	0	3	3	1	0	1	3	3
Brisbane Lions	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	5	3
Adel. C. Juventus	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	4
Syd. Olympic	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	1
W. Adel. Hellas	0	0	2	1	5	1	1	0	2	1
Footscray JUST	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	3
Fitz. Alexander	1	0	2	2	5	0	0	1	0	4
Newcastle	0	0	2	1	5	0	1	1	1	4

Philips League team of week

TILSED (2) (Canberra)			
MULLEN (1) (Hakoah)	WILSON (1) (West. Subs)	STARK (1) (Canberra)	CURRAN (1) (Newcastle)
STEVENSON (2) (Hakoah)	HENDERSON (1) (Canberra)	ILIOSKI (1) (J.U.S.T.)	
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ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Grosse own goal) St. George 0. Olympic Sports Field, Crowd 5800.

Players ratings by Meno Toutsidis.
ADELAIDE CITY — Romanowicz 7 (Marshall 7), B. Nyskous 7, Yung 6, Matic 6, Lister 6, Kolecki 7, Dance 6 (Muniz), Rigby 7, Marocchi 7, J. Nyskous 7, Northcote 8.
ST. GEORGE — Coe 7, Utjesenovic 7, Terry 6, J. O'Shea 6, Harris 7, Grosse 7, Djuricic 6 (Hensman), Jones 7, R. O'Shea 7, Morgan 7, O'Connor 8.

MARCONI 3 (Jankovic, Rooney, Byrne penalty) BRISBANE CITY 2 (Marley 2) at Marconi Oval, crowd 6700.

Ratings by Alex Vesic.
MARCONI: A. Maher 6, B. Jones 5, P. Degney 6, J. Russell 7, I. Prskalo 8, G. Byrne 7, R. Vierl 7, J. Rooney 6, A. Mariani 5, (R. Williams 6), P. Sharpe 7, M. Jankovic 8.
BRISBANE CITY: K. Wishart 5, Lavelle 5 (S. Clark 74), B. Kibbey 6, P. Tokesi 6, S. Perry 7, L. Gaffney 6, W. Conner 8, F. Pimollett 7, A. Marley 8, R. Echeverria 6, K. Caldwell 6, (J. Coyne 65).

FITZROY ALEXANDER 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Fisher 21st, C. Eaton 25th and 47th) at Schintler Reserve, crowd 3500.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
FITZROY: Blasby 6, McMillan 5, Provan 6, O'Reilly 5, Tansey 6, Bannan 6, Taylor 5 (Micevski 5 half time), Campbell 7, Bozikas 7, Cole 6, Buljevic 7.

WESTERN SUBURBS: T. Eaton 8, Skellern 8, Wilson 9, Noble 6 (Rowden 6 half time), Turnbull 7, Stone 7, O'Donnell 6, Harding 8, Fisher 7, C. Eaton 6, Dadds 6.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Ristovski 88th) HAKOAH-EASTS 1 (Stevenson penalty 23rd) at Schintler Reserve, crowd 3000.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
J.U.S.T.: O'Hara 5, Hazabed 6, Kriar 7, Kondarios 8, Kazi 5 (Vasic 6 half time), Nicolaides 7, Picioane 7, Ilioski 8, Ristovski 8, Palinkas 8, Lujic 7.

HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 8, Thompson 7, O'Connor 7, Mowbray 7, Stevenson 8, R. Smith 8, Barnes 8, Watson 7, Campbell 7, Silva 6.

OLYMPIC 1 (Senkalski pen.) CANBERRA 2 (Grujicic pen., Byrne) at Erskineville Oval, Sydney, crowd 4133.

Ratings by Dieter Werner.
OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Luckett 7, McIntosh 6, Markland 6, Cross 8, G. Allan 7, Jamieson 7, Ainslie 7, Laing 7, Senkalski 6, Wilson 6, Herron and Thammidis replaced Senkalski and Wilson.
CANBERRA: Tilsed 9, Moulis 6, Brown 6, Stark 8, Milovanovic 7, Cant 7, T. Henderson 8, Davies 7, Grujicic 6, Bryne 8 (injured sub Heywood 70th), Stoddart 8.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Neale) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Wright) at Perry Park, Crowd 330.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell.
BRISBANE LIONS — Lownds 6, Potter 6, Hermiston 7, Bennett 6, Amos 7, Niven 6, Neale 6, Spearritt 6, Laslo 6, Hughes 7, Morris 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 7, Pye 6, Kalafatis 8, Baxter 8, Hagemanoulis 7, Lutton 7, Wright 7, Rogers 7, Cummings (McGuinness 28th 6), Ollerton 6, Kent 6.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Tront) HAKOAH 2 (Mullen 57th, Stevenson 77th) pen. 63rd. Olympic Park, crowd 4000.

Ratings by Kyle Patterson.
ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, MacMillan 5, Provan 6, Bannan 7, Tansey 6, Taylor 6, Campbell 5, Hay 6 (Selemedes 62nd min.) Cole 7, Bozikas 7, Tront 6.

HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Thomson 5, O'Connor 6, Mowbray 6, Stevenson 8, R. Smith 7, Barnes 6, Silva 6, Campbell 7, Watson 6.

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Fisher, Samuels) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Morris, Neale) at Englefield Stadium, crowd 1022.

Ratings by Joe Major.
WESTS: T. Eaton 7, Skellern 6, Turnbull 6, Rowden 7, Wilson 8, Harding 6, Dadds 7, O'Donnell 6, Stone 7, C. Eaton 6, Fisher 7 (Samuels 62nd min.).

LIONS: McKenzie 6, Potter 7, Hermiston 7, Bennett 6, Niven 6, Neale 6, Spearritt 7, Laslo 6, Morris 8, Hughes 7, Ogden 6.

ST. GEORGE 2 (O'Connor, Hensman) CANBERRA CITY 1 (Heywood) at Barton Park, crowd 2533.

Ratings by John Taylor.
ST. GEORGE: Coe 7, Utjesenovic 6, Grosse 6, Harris 6, Terry 7, Jones 7 (Gnani 6, 59th min.), J. O'Shea 7, Djuricic 6, Hensman 7, Morgan 6 (Mendez 75th min.), O'Connor 7.

CANBERRA: Tilsed 7, Milovanovic 7, Stark 6, Henderson 7, Hogg 7, Davies 6, Cant 6, Grujicic 7, Stoddart 6, Byrne 7, Heywood 6.

NEWCASTLE 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Drinkwater own goal) at Newcastle, crowd 7019.

Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.
NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED: P. Dando 6, P. Willis 5, C. Curran 8, W. Summerscales 6, R. Drinkwater 6, L. Hardes 6 (P. Kay 76th min.), C. Mason 6, W. Amey 7, M. Galpin 6, K. Boden 7, N. Endacott 5.

WEST ADELAIDE: M. Crook 7, V. Bozanic 6, B. Reynolds 7, N. McGachey 6, C. Campas 6, D. Jones 7, P. Boyle 8, G. Norris 6, G. Honeyman 6, I. McGregor 6, A. Zervas 7.

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Makedonia, Croatia in battle of wits

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Victorian Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park on Saturday night will be one of the most intriguing tactical battles of the year.

Essendon Croatia has the edge in skill, Makedonia is physically more powerful.

Both are extremely fast.

Makedonia's danger men are George McMillan (five goals) and Paul Hallam who is the schemer-up front, the man who gives the passes that open the defence.

Croatia coach John Gardiner knows this, so he'll probably have Steve Kokoska marking McMillan and perhaps Alan Kerr shadowing Hallam.

Makedonia's midfielders are also scorers, as they proved in the semi-final against Juventus when Eric Lesbirel got two goals, Bill McClymont one and Chris Glennon one.

However, they won't be as dangerous against Croatia because they'll be busy picking up their midfield opponents, Howard Andrews, Branko Culina and Kerr when he's coming forward.

They'll also have to watch Croatia's wingers Tommy Cumming and Brian Davidson who come back to the half line.

On semi-final form Paul Glasson and Tom Brewerton will have to pay special attention to Eddy Krncevic, the 17-year-old striker who scored four goals to eliminate Albion Leyland.

But if he attracts too much attention, Croatia may well use him as a decoy and have someone else come through the middle to do Krncevic's job.

Croatia also has the option of using Billy Vojtek. If the former Soccerro is not in the opening line-up he will probably come on as a second-half substitute.

Croatia's weakness in recent games has been its defence. Makedonia has been worried by the poor form of goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

However, Cup finals bring out the best in every player, so I expect Laumets to turn on his most brilliant form and Steve Kokoska and John Gardiner to take a firm grip on the Makedonian forwards.

One department in which Croatia has the edge is at full back.

Both Grant Smith and Ante Bilaver are tireless and effective attackers, whereas Makedonia's Tim Gladding has not yet shown equal flair and Steve Beech, although talented, is only a makeshift full back.

Both Beech and Gladding will find it extremely difficult to control Cumming and Davidson and if Croatia wins this match it will probably be the result of its wingers triumphing over their opposing full backs.

If Makedonia wins it will be the result of McMillan getting an opportunist goal or two or the midfield gaining the upper hand.

Makedonia has not previously played in an Ampol Cup final. Essendon is the Cup holder.

Likely line-ups with shirt numbers.

MAKEDONIA 1. Laumets					
2. Beech	5. Brewerton	7. Glasson	3. Gladding		
4. Glennon	6. McClymont	10. Lesbirel			
8. Hallam	9. Krncevic	11. Flaherty			
7. Cumming	8. Kerr	11. Davidson			
10. Collins	6. Andrews				
3. Bilaver	4. Gardiner	5. Kokoska	2. Smart		
1. Petrovski ESSENDON CROATIA					

JUNIOR FINALS

Junior finals will be the curtain-raisers at Olympic Park on Saturday commencing at 6.25 p.m.

The program of games: Lightning Under 12s Championships: Hampton v. Moreland, 6.25 p.m.; Junior Ampol Cup Final: Sunshine Heights v. Frankston Pines at 6.55 p.m.

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TOP PICTURE: Essendon Croatia, standing from left: Frank Burin (manager), Wally Kulyk, Eddy Krncevic, Grant Smart, Steve Kokoska, John Gardiner (coach), Dime Petrovski, Alan Kerr, Dujo Zemunik (assistant coach), Billy Vojtek; Front: Danny Lacok, Brian Davidson, Ken Murphy, Tommy Cumming, Howard Andrews, Ante Bilaver, Branko Culina, Nick Kuzmanov. Missing: Drago Kraljina, Silvano Franzin, Joe Timpano.

ABOVE: Makedonia, standing from left: Bill Dumbell (coach), I. Soklov (Manager), Steve Trajkovski, Eric Lesbirel, Tom Brewerton, Paul Hallam, Peter Laumets, George McMillan, Brian Flaherty, Chris Demiris, John Zikos (president), front: Gary Cooper, Lou Adams (injured), Ljubo Petrovski, Paul Glasson, Bill McClymont, Tim Gladding, Steve Beech, Morris Comar, Alex Najdovski.

Kokkinos jailed

Soccer star Ulysses Kokkinos of West Adelaide Hellas was last week sentenced to 18 months' jail for blackmailing a woman over their love affair.

Kokkinos, 30, previously was with South Melbourne Hellas, Fitzroy Alexander, Juventus (Vic.) and Western Suburbs (Vic.). He also represented Victoria.

Judge Spence, in the Country Court, described Kokkinos' blackmailing of a young Greek woman as both "callous and amateurish".

The woman, whose name and address were withheld, earlier told the court she met Kokkinos after he came to her clinic for treatment for a soccer injury in 1975.

She said that after she had sex with him several times, Kokkinos wrote her a letter, threatening to tell the Sunday newspaper about their love affair unless she gave him \$1100.

The court was also told Kokkinos admitted to police that he threatened to disclose the woman's sexual relationship with him because she was Greek and not married.

Judge Spence told Kokkinos: "The offence was a callous one. You told lies to the young lady involved and didn't have any real concern for her feelings."

"Your thoughts were on



Ulysses Kokkinos

chance of obtaining some easy money ... apparently to be used for gambling."

Kokkinos was found guilty on Tuesday of demanding money with menaces from the woman in February last year. He pleaded not guilty.

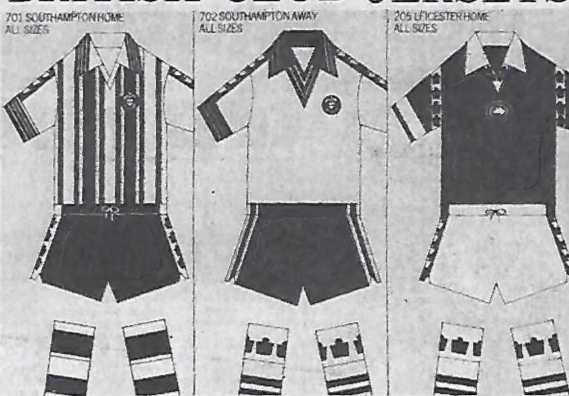
The judge set a minimum jail term of nine months.

Borussia, Boca in draw

Borussia Moenchengladbach, of Germany, the European Cup runners-up, and Boca Juniors, of Argentina, the Liberators Cup winners, battled to a 2-2 tie in the first match for the Inter-continental Cup.

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Curran back into defence

By Joe Lanzoni

An own goal by skipper Roy Drinkwater in injury time in the first half marred Newcastle's best performance of the season so far.

After dominating the game in the first half United at the interval found themselves a goal down.

The goal came in injury time when Drinkwater, under pressure from two Westward players on the right touchline, swung a long high ball back over the head of his goalkeeper who had advanced expecting a passbook on the ground.

It was a tragedy for Newcastle and Drinkwater who otherwise had a solid game in the sweeper position.

West Adelaide Hellas started a little tentatively and Newcastle took the opportunity to carry the attack to the visitors from the start.

In this period Col Curran restored to his favorite position of left back, looked Newcastle's most dangerous forward in his numerous raids down the flank.

He came close to scoring in the 25th minute when Marlon Crowe in the Westad goal, brought off a good save.

In the 31st minute Curran again pounced on a loose ball outside the penalty area and unleashed a sizzler that shaved the bar.

That was United's best opportunity in a period of continued pressure.

However during this time the tall Adelaide defence looked well on top of the Newcastle Strikers.

National team defender David Jones was well in command of young Newcastle striker Neil Endacott, with Bezanze on the left back and Campbell in the centre also in command.

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At half time Coach John Margerita no doubt settled the side along by the fact that they found themselves unexpectedly in the lead.

In the second half they looked more composed in contrast with Newcastle who started to show signs of losing the lucidity and fluency of the first half.

In this period Boyle in the Adelaide midfield took control and showed on that performance what a useful and enterprising player he is.

He struck up a good understanding with Zervas on the wing, aided by some intelligent use of space by Norris.

It was Reynolds however who presented himself in the penalty area in one of his raids down the right and looked certain to score.

Dando anticipated well, swung himself to the left and pushed the scorching drive past the post for a fruitless corner.

The last 10 minutes saw Newcastle searching for the equaliser and on the 43rd minute, from a good cross by Peter Willis, Endacott almost scored when a defender skidded off the top of a header's head for a corner.

From the corner Drinkwater almost made amends for his earlier blunder when he lashed onto a loose ball in the six yards area, but his shot after looking destined to finish in the back of the net, curved away over the upright.

It was quite an entertaining game and the 8000 spectators got value for money.

Newcastle faces two difficult away games — Canberra City this Saturday and St George the following week.

Allan Vest, the Newcastle coach must be worried by the reluctance of his forwards and some of his midfielders to shoot when the opportunity presents itself.

Newcastle must learn to turn its territorial advantage into goals, to keep the opposition under pressure, but it is showing signs of life and this must give its many supporters and Allan Vest some encouragement.



Newcastle 0 WA-Hellas 1



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Tilted black and white

Gallant Canberra City kept its unbeaten record intact by defeating Sydney Olympic 2-1 at Erskineville Oval.

City held firm against an Olympic second half barrage thanks to a near faultless goalkeeping display by Ron Tilted and the supreme calmness under attack of skipper Tony Henderson.

Olympic moreover produced no-one as athletic and dedicated as Jimmy Cant.

Cant reinforced the defence and midfield, linked in the attacks, and

set striker Terry Byrne up for the goal of the match in the 17th minute.

After cutting a swathe through the Olympic midfield, his pass reached Byrne in full flight as he outmanoeuvred Olympic centreback Stuart Markland and struck the ball cleanly past goalkeeper Gary Meier.

Canberra was first to score after Markland handled the ball in the



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penalty area in the ninth minute, and Ivan Grujicic made no mistake with his shot.

It was Grujicic's third goal in three league matches and indeed he was all set for a fourth with 15 minutes remaining but shot blindly into Meier's welcoming arms.

Byrne's goal followed and then in the 19th minute Joe Sansaloni netted from the spot for the 2-1 final

result after Canberra defender John Brown had fouled. Tilted and Henderson dominated proceedings from thereon.

Olympic's attacking fullback Mike Cross was baulked out of a certain goal by Tilted four minutes after the resumption and Leigh Anslie, Jamieson and Thamiades were all thwarted later by the same player.

Olympic coach Tom Anderson, who had a sideline altercation with referee Alan Rodway, made two second-half substitutions with Jim Herron and Chris Thamiades, all to no avail.

Rodway's field control was difficult to fault in his first Philips League match.

Did Morley deserve a penalty?

By ALEX VESIC

One couldn't help feeling sorry for the visitors after their "do or die" effort in the last eight minutes.

However, for all those who found Marconi "terrible" in those last few

minutes, for all those who found Marconi "terrible" in those last few minutes of the game, and for those who felt that the visitors deserved more than they got, I have to recapture the previous 82 minutes.

For the first 10 minutes of the game, Marconi was able to use the speed of Sharpe and Jankovic to the full, exposing the visiting team's weakness at right back. In the second minute, Sharpe had an ideal opportunity to cross or take a shot at goal from only 10 metres, but instead he hesitated, and the full back was able to push the ball over the line for a corner.

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Marconi 3 Brisbane 2

The linesman had no hesitation in pointing to the centre giving Marconi the lead. Echeverria protested, and got the yellow card from referee Davies.

In the second half Marconi seemed to be in top gear. Vieri was prominent early, passing accurately and seemingly unopposed, controlled the midfield, sending his team into numerous attacks.

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Cummings hurt

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recruit from Polonia (SA), as partner for Dave Rigby and Gary Marocchi, the other midfielders.

Although Brian Northcote had an exceptional game against Saints, Juventus still has no-one to replace Dixie Deans who was the league's top scorer last week.

Without a bustling opportunity like Deans, Juventus may find it impossible to break through Ivo Prskalo's exceptional defence.

playing better football than most teams in the league, and boasting a champion in every position.

However, no team is unbeatable, and that is undoubtedly what Kreft will be telling his players this week.

South Melbourne Hellas lost Duncan Cummings through injury in the 1-1 draw with Brisbane Lions last Sunday, but manager Dave MacLaren is confident Cummings will recover in

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Leading averages in the JAT player of the year award — 8.5 Gaffney (Bris City); 8.3 Vieri (Marconi); 8 Perry (Bris City); Morris (Bris Lions); Nicolaides (J.U.S.T.); Boden (Newc); 7.8 Lutton (S.M.H.); 7.7 Marley (Bris City); Tilted (Can); Palinkas (J.U.S.T.); 7.5 Conner (Bris City); Milovanovic (Can); Russell (Marconi); Byrne (Marconi); Jankovic (Marconi); Stevenson (E.S.); Kolecki (Ad Juve); Meier (Sud Illva); Hansen (C.M.H.); Kalabritsis (C.M.H.); Karaman (Ad Juve);

HEIGHTS IN FINAL

Sunshine Heights under 13s will play their second Ampol Cup Final, when they meet Frankston Pines at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Previously, Heights defeated West Newport 7-0 to win their first Ampol Cup in 1974. This year's under 13s are the strongest the club has produced, winning the league and Victoria Cup in 1976.

During this year's series they defeated Doveton 4-1, Essendon City 6-0, Karingal 3-0, and Port Melbourne in the semi final on penalties.

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Willie Vassallo, who is also a Maltese international

\$22,000 for Melita Eagles

Fast-rising NSW State League club Melita Eagles has clinched a sponsorship deal with finance company Associated Securities Limited (A.S.L.).

The deal gives Melita \$22,000 over the next three years, as well as the cost of track suits and strips over the same period.

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BULJEVIC DROPPED!

By KYLE PATTERSON

Alexander coach Tony Boggi didn't worry about reputations when he picked his team for this game.

Boggi dropped former Soccerro Branko Buljevic, a veteran from the 1974 World Cup team, and Jim O'Reilly, a former Victorian State representative.

It's the first time Buljevic has been dropped from a club side in 10 years of Australian soccer.

Pat Bannon dropped back from midfield to sweeper to replace O'Reilly and had a good game, using his experience to organise his defence and cover his other backmen.

Joe Tront and Doug Hay, Alexander's Scottish import, came into the team to bolster the midfield but they had a

hard job against the skillful John Stevenson and Bobby Smith.

After conceding seven and scoring no goals in its previous two games, the 2-1 scoreline suggests some improvement by Alexander.

However, Alexander still has problems that must be rectified quickly before it gets too far behind the leaders.

Boggi was philosophical after the game.

"We're having a bad trot," he said. "Well come good."

For Hakoah it was a bonanza Easter, as it picked up three out of a possible four points away from home.

Hakoah started the game with some slick passing that had Alexander back-peddling.

Hay, when match fit, will be an asset for Alexander, and at times he was so quick putting the ball into an opening that his Alexander team mates weren't ready.

Gary Cole had a golden opportunity in the 14th minute when he robbed Kevin Mullen of the ball, but his job, although it cleared Hakoah keeper Todd Clarke, came nowhere near going in the net.

Clarke came off his line well soon after to block a shot by Cole, who had too much pace for the Hakoah central defenders Eddie Thomson and Steve O'Connor.

At the other end, Stevenson and Smith came close with shots after ghosting forward from the midfield.

Clarke saved at the feet of Cole again after the goal work by Hay and Andrew Boziskas.

Boziskas and Cole were a handful for the Hakoah defence but they lacked the finishing power to turn their good work into goals.

Ernie Campbell came into the game after a quiet first half and full backs Mullen and Henry Mowbray overlapped intelligently.

Alexander full backs Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey concentrated more on defending and rarely went forward.

After play had been fairly even in the first half, Hakoah gained the upper hand from the start of the second stanza.

An inch-perfect job by Stevenson to Mullen, who had made his way into the 18-yard area, led to the full back powering a first time shot past Peter Blaby in goal.

Stevenson was the instigator of the Hakoah move that led to Hakoah being awarded a penalty.

He knocked a good ball into the box to Campbell, who was up-ended by Bobby Provan.

Although Boggi and the Alexander fans were outraged by the referee's decision, it was to no avail and Stevenson made no mistake from the spot.

Alexander made a belated charge for an equaliser and was rewarded when Tront put the ball in through a maze of players after receiving an intelligent square ball from Ken Taylor.

Alexander pressed for an equaliser but Hakoah did the professional thing and shut up shop and used time wasting tactics, leaving Boggi and his men to ponder over their third successive defeat.

Another left-wing surge by the little forward enabled him to round Pye but this time Morris shot went for a corner off Hansen's knee.

Baxter and Chris Katsidis held Hellas together and the latter saved a possible goal when he thumped a dangerous shot from Paul Caine over the crossbar, following another great pass from Hermon.

But in the 74th minute, Bobby McGuinness was responsible for the Hellas opening when he rode through a tackle by Hermon, but appeared to handle the ball in the process.

The lineemen signalled accordingly but referee Dieter Kloss moved play on and McGuinness' cross found Sammy Wright in front and he made no mistake.

From then on, Hellas looked far more dangerous, riding high on the equaliser and Lions' biggest proponent in this period was back Steve Amos. McGuinness produced another strong breakaway and outpaced the Lions backline but with only Lownds to beat, hammered his shot into the side netting.

Lions' midfielder Alan Niven brought the crowd to its feet following a corner situation with only eight minutes left when he blasted a left-foot shot inches over Hansen's crossbar.

Then in the dying seconds, Rogers broke away as Lions peeled for offside, leaving him with only Lownds to beat but the keeper came off his line to save the situation at his second scrambling attempt.

Branko Buljevic

Can you help?

A young boy at Preston/Reservoir (Vic), has developed a kidney disease. Due to some enthusiastic help, arrangements have been made to have a dialysis machine donated.

However he must collect 1,000,000, yes 1,000,000 of the rings off ring pull cans. If you would like to help this boy please con-



Alexander 1 Hakoah 2



Peter Wilson comes in with a sliding tackle to rob Fitzroy's Gary Cole. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

WILSON SUPERB

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Led superbly by Peter Wilson, Western Suburbs accepted two gift goals from the Alexander defence in the first half, to win this game easily.

Wilson was brilliant in defence as Alexander tried to fight back, as was goalkeeper Terry Eaton and right back Rod Skellern who also attacked dangerously down the right.

Up front, Wests had a lethal opportunist in Clive Eaton and in midfield, Soccerro Dave Harding sprayed the ball long and wide, always creating good attacks.

Alexander, on the other hand, played congested soccer for most of the time. Defenders Jim O'Reilly and Arthur McMillan were out of touch and the forwards had some bad misses when accuracy was essential to get the team back into the game.

On this form, Alexander has little hope of beating South Melbourne Hellas in the all-Greek clash at Middle Park on Sunday.

And Wests, although they played well, nevertheless were troubled by J.U.S.T. in Sydney.

Alexander had the early chances when Branko Buljevic and Andrew Boziskas shot too high.

Then goalkeeper Peter Blaby saved Alexander when he held a point-blank header from Clive Eaton after a free kick on the left by Alan Fisher.

Boziskas started an excellent move with a crossfield pass to Ken Taylor who squared the ball to Ken Taylor in the middle. Taylor miskicked badly and the chance was lost.

Gary Cole, who had more misses than anyone else, looked through and set to score but Wilson barged in with a timely tackle.

Cole made another good run before the ball went to Taylor whose shot was spilled by goalkeeper Terry Eaton. However, Wilson was there to shield the loose ball from Buljevic and Jim Campbell until Eaton could gather it in.

In the 21st minute Harding played a brilliant crossfield ball to Warren Turnbull who had moved up past the far post.

Turnbull sent in an angled shot which Blaby fumbled after much indecisiveness in coming off his line. The ball fell to the feet of Fisher who slammed it into the net.

Four minutes later the Alexander defence headed out a Wests corner and moved forward, trying to set an offside trap. However, the defenders miscalculated badly and when Peter Stone lob-



Alexander 0 Wests 3

It found Clive Eaton unmarked and onside to score goal number two.

Buljevic ran through the defence at the other end but Bobby Noble forced him to the post, where the angle was much too narrow. So Buljevic tried to cut the ball back but it resulted in nothing.

Boziskas had a glancing header saved by Terry Eaton and then Turnbull went on a spectacular run, riding tackles by McMillan and O'Reilly before seeing his good cross headed out by Bob Provan.

The easiest chance of the game came in the 40th minute. Buljevic played the ball square into the area to Cole who missed from 10 metres.

Then Boziskas ran to the edge of the area before setting the ball up for another shot by Cole, which was saved by Terry Eaton.

Blaby was also forced into action as he saved a header by Clive Eaton, who had got onto the end of a cross that soared over the head of Provan.

Back at the other end, Terry Eaton raced out to punch a free kick. The ball went to Cole who smashed it hard, but it hit Eaton.

Alexander coach Tony Boggi replaced Ken Taylor with Mike Micavak at half time but it made little difference.

Just after the break Blasby stormed off his line to smother Fisher who was coming through. The ball ran free and was sent back towards the net, but Pat Bannon cleared on the line.

However, Bannon couldn't get control of the ball and Clive Eaton nipped in to score goal No. 3.

In the 60th minute Jim Campbell hit the bar with a header from Micavak's corner and then Terry Eaton deflected Cole's shot one-handed in a break created by Bannon and Jim Campbell.

Alexander was attacking regularly, trying hard to cut back Wests' lead, but the ball wouldn't go into the net.

Boziskas broke through the defence very well but with Terry Eaton coming towards him, Boziskas slipped the ball wide of goal.

Then Cole hit the crossbar

Romanowicz hurt, Northcote stars

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Former English World Cup coach Sir Alf Ramsey once said: "If you can't kick goals, you can't win matches."

Well Sir Alf, Adelaide Juventus and West Adelaide Hellas couldn't kick a goal between them last weekend but they won their matches — their first for the season — nevertheless.

While West Adelaide scraped home 1-0 against Newcastle last Saturday after a tragic own goal by Roy Drinkwater, Adelaide Juventus triumphed over St George with the help of a 39th minute own goal from Brendan Grosse.

The thought that these two great clubs had to rely on the opposition to help them win would have concerned the clubs not so long ago, but these are not normal times.

Both sides are going through unprecedented lean times but the indications are that they have both ended their slump.

Certainly Adelaide Juventus looked menacing against St George although they were not totally convincing.

But Juventus' biggest let-down is the absence of the King — Dixie Deans.

Deans, awaiting trial in Scotland on assault and drink-drive charges, would have had a field day against the Saints.

But the chances Juventus' enthusiastic midfield created were wasted and left a question mark hanging over John Nyshkus and Danny Dance.

Nyshkus certainly is playing better than he was in the second half of last season but

he is still well below the form that took him into the national team.

As for Dance, he had an impressive first half but his second half performance was from a man who lacked imagination.

But Dance is a quality player despite the less than generous comments from Juventus supporters.

Brian Northcote enhanced his reputation with a brilliant, hard running performance which would have resulted in goals had he been given support from his colleagues.

City coach Edmund Kraft dropped his ace Johnny Perlin who has not had the best of seasons.

Henry Kolecki, Gary Marocchi and Dave Rigby formed City's midfield and did enough to indicate they could be there again for Sunday's game against Marconi.

But significantly, midfield maestro Apple Muntz came on late in the game, and showed glimpses of his immeasurable talent.

Rigby almost got City off to a dream start but his close-range plevier was brilliantly saved by Saints keeper Martin Coe.



Adol C. 1



St. G. 0

Coe, one of the league's most underrated players, had a great game, as did City's substitute keeper Peter Marshall.

Juventus was impressive for most of the first half but Doug Utjesenovic's subtle runs and delicate crosses on the right flank caused problems.

Elusive striker Phil O'Connor came close to scoring in the 36th minute when he scooped a ball which Roger Romanowicz had fumbled, but his shot was cleared off the line with Romanowicz writhing in agony.

Romanowicz, who had crashed to the ground trying to cut out a cross, went off the field with a bad shoulder injury.

Marshall replaced him as he had the previous week against Brisbane City.

Two minutes later Bugy Nyshkus sent over a high cross and the unfortunate Grosse got his head to it and deflected it past his 'keeper.

St. George started the second half full of running and O'Connor was again denied a goal.

He brilliantly turned on a siphon on the edge of the area and unleashed a left foot bullet which Marshall diverted with a back-breaking leap.

St George and Juventus both created chances for the rest of the half but the scoreline did not change.

The Saints were denied by some excellent goalkipping while Juventus blew its chances with some inept shooting.

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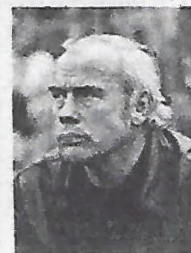
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KNUT WERNER

There is a great similarity between coaches in this country and the last Labor Government ministry.

It appears that the coaches lot is not a happy one. They seem to be in and out before you can say tenure.

The latest casualties occurred at Slavia and Juventus (Vic.) last week.

Not only were the coaches given the push, but the caretaker coach appointed at Juventus — its captain Charlie Smith — was mutinied against by his players.

The man was good enough to lead the team out of the dressing room, but not good enough to lead them into it.

This must be some sort of a record — coach for 15 minutes.

I think the time has come for the coaches to get together and for a union to consolidate their position. Let them get office space somewhere central and work from there, establishing something on the lines of rent-a-coach.

When the clubs decide that they need a leader they ring up and get someone appointed off the roster.

In this way, not knowing who is going to turn up, they won't have the time to sack anyone.

Another advantage in this system is that no coach will be long enough at a club to make the necessary enemies or salient mistakes.

In fact taken one step further, is it really that important for a coach to turn up at the club at all?

I mean, the whole process could be conducted over the telephone whereby a coach's identity may remain anonymous and thus he need not suffer the slings and arrows, and spite of outrageous club supporters who, as is well known, always know better anyway.

Another advantage in this system is the great common denominator. No longer will one club be able to dominate another because of wealth or a fluke judicious appointment, as all the clubs will get all the coaches over one season.

This is much the same as is happening now, but with my system the process will be streamlined. That brings me to another point — about loyalties.

The famous words of Barrie Fairbrother of Brisbane Lions ring true when he said "I will not play for any other team than Brisbane Lions, unless I don't get a game after four weeks, then I will be absolutely faithful to Adelaide Juventus or South Melbourne Hellas, unless I don't get a game in their first team within four weeks, then I will be absolutely faithful to..."

Cut the 'Apartheid'

Fitzroy VFL club's "Festival of Football" did a lot towards removing the virtual "Apartheid" attitude that has for so long existed between football codes in Australia.

By staging VFL (Aussie Rules), soccer and Rugby League matches on the same program, Fitzroy showed how the codes can come together in friendship. It was a memorable exercise in pure sportmanship, and we must give Fitzroy's marketing manager Graham Plumb a big pat on the back for the professional way in which he handled the promotion.

Financially Fitzroy broke even, and it did so with very little help or encouragement from the daily Press.

Ian Heads of the "Sunday Telegraph" called it "The sports flop of the year" and decided it was newsworthy only because, in his opinion, the crowd "snubbed" Rugby League by leaving after the soccer game.

There was no word about the far-sightedness of the promotion, no praise for a good idea.

On the morning of the festival, the Melbourne "Sun" printed teams for two VFL practice matches which were to be played that day.

The practice match between Fitzroy and Footscray, which kicked off the festival at Junction Oval, was completely ignored, as, in fact, was the whole festival.

Yet in the same issue of that paper, we had an article quoting Dr. Alan Aylett of the VFL calling for Sunday football in Melbourne.

He said every other sport "including soccer" had the right to play on Sundays, and that Aussie Rules had been around for much longer than soccer.

My advice to the doctor is to study his history books. Soccer is a much older sport than Australian Rules and the people who came here from England brought soccer with them.

Australian Rules did not exist as a game at that time, for it evolved from Rugby and Gaelic Football.

My point is that the doctor seems to have a confrontationalist attitude towards soccer.

It's an attitude that is rife in Victoria.

However, Rugby League and soccer have done an enormous amount for Australian sport internationally and internally, so why shouldn't they be accepted in sporting spirit by the people who administer and support Australian Rules football?

Instead of following an "Apartheid" policy, let's follow the lead set by the Fitzroy Football Club instead.

After all, aren't we all in this business for the love of sport?

Let's end the discrimination that minifies itself in such things as one sport getting endless panel shows on TV that are a lot of rubbish, while other sport has to fight tooth and nail even to have its score mentioned.

Let's follow lead set by Fitzroy

Getting back to the Doctor's call for Sunday football, I am in favor of any sport getting a fair go. However, in Melbourne, the councils and other bodies concerned have a king sized headache in providing adequate car parking and ensuring a

reasonable traffic flow.

If Fitzroy played at home, with a crowd of 40,000 and on the same Sunday, South Melbourne Hellas played at neighbouring Middle Park with a crowd of 8000 where would all those cars park?

And what if South Melbourne VFL club played on the same Sunday a mile away, drawing another 20,000 people?

Similarly, what would happen if 50,000 attended a Richmond VFL match at the MCG on the same day that Alexander draws 8000 to

nearby Olympic Park? There would be utter chaos on the roads. In fact, the VFL clubs might find themselves losing support because patrons face an inconvenient two-mile walk from the nearest parking spot.

It was interesting to read some of the Press comments about the Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Marconi match which was part of the Festival of Football.

"La Flamma" said it was a shocking game and that Marconi didn't deserve its 2-0 win.

"Il Globo" said Marconi had played in great style and deserved to win.

I wonder which of those Press gentlemen wasn't at the game.



RALE RASIC

LOU KASTNER NOW COACH AT CROATIA

In a shock move, unsettled George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner has been appointed assistant/specialist coach at Essendon Croatia.

Kastner wants a transfer from George Cross. He has said he will never play for the club again.

However, George Cross has told Kastner it still requires his services, and that he should recommence training with the club immediately.

The club told him that it would not consider his request for a transfer.

Kastner, who played for Cross for 17 years, is considering legal action to get a move.

"My solicitors have told me," said Lou, "that I would win in court but I don't want to have to do that."

"I've been with George Cross since I was 12, and I think it is unfair that I get this sort of treatment after such long service."

"I've been very tolerant over the years, but the recent trouble (over match payments) was the final straw."

George Cross cannot stop Kastner taking the coaching job, but a question mark hangs over his playing career.

"I want to keep playing," said Lou, "as I think I'm just reaching my peak. The thing is, that I have achieved all I can with George and need a change of club to give me new challenges."

The German-born Kastner came to Australia in 1961, and joined George Cross straight away.

He played his first season in the club's under-16 team, even though he was only 12.

What's more remarkable, he won the best and fairest award that year.

He played in the under-16 team until he was 14, when he moved up into the U-18 side.

He made his first team debut at the age of 15.

"The regular keeper, Eddie Azzopardi, was in dispute with the club," said Lou, "so I was brought in."

"My first game was against Polonia and I was so nervous I could hardly run onto the ground."

"We ended up losing 0-1." It was during the 1964-65 season and Lou played two more games in the first team before Azzopardi settled his differences with the club and returned to the team.

History has repeated itself here. During this season's Ampol Cup, young Vic Magro got his big chance when



Kastner decided to quit. However, unlike Azzopardi, Kastner will not return.

After his stint in the first team, Lou returned to the reserves.

He represented Victoria in the U-16, U-18 and U-19 age groups, playing alongside the now well-known pair of Billy Vojtek and Atli Abonyi.

It was in the 1967-68 season that Kastner became a regular in the Cross team. However, Cross tried five other keepers before giving Kastner the nod.

"Mike de Bruyckere was the coach and we had a really good side," recalls Lou. "We would have won the championship that year if our three top players, Robertson,

Calms and Keenan hadn't walked out over a dispute with the club."

"We were on top of the ladder before they left, but ended up in fifth position." Player disputes seem to plague the George Cross club.

Kastner had his first big dispute with the Cross in 1972.

"We hadn't lost a game or conceded a goal in 10 pre-season matches," said Lou, "and coach John Sanchez had moulded together a top side."

"Then on the eve of the season, the club told the players they would be getting paid according to the size of the crowd. It was a ridiculous arrangement and John Gardiner, Kevin Walker, Jimmy Smart, John Pryde and I went on strike."

After seven rounds of the State League, George had won only two games, so the club gave in to the players.

With the five rebels back in the team, Cross soared up the ladder but missed out on honors.

In 1974 and 1975, George narrowly missed out on the State League title, finishing second both years and losing on goal average in '75.

The star of the Cross team in those days was John Gardiner, dual Rothmans Medalist and now player/coach of Essendon Croatia.

"John would be the best player George Cross has had," said Lou, "and the mid-field combination of Gardiner, Kevin Walker and Tommy Fox could have been the best in Australia at the time."

Lou played 12 games for Victoria, and was selected in the 1969 Australian squad.

However, he did not play official games for the Soccercross.

Lou picks Jim Armstrong and Tommy Stankovic as two of the best players he ever played against, and Ken Wagstaff as the best coach.

"Armstrong is so unpredictable," said Lou. "He'll shoot when you expect him to cross the ball or do a short, telling pass when you're expecting a long one."

"Stankovic was simply a great player," added Lou.

Kastner said, Billy Vojtek and Bill McIntyre were also difficult opponents.

"Vojtek was razor sharp in the box and McIntyre would run through a brick wall to score a goal," said Lou.

Even though Kastner wants to leave Cross, he doesn't hate the club.

"I enjoyed playing for George Cross," he said, "and the fans have always been particularly good to me."

"However, I was there so long, I was becoming part of the furniture."



Tommy Stankovic (left) and Jim Armstrong (right) — the best forwards Kastner has played against.



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By **JOHNNY WARREN**,
Canberra City
Manager-Coach

With so little known about Canberra City throughout Australia let me introduce "Soccer Action" readers to the people behind our club and the players involved in establishing soccer in the national capital.

Canberra City is 15 months old and it was started by a group of soccer enthusiasts who had a tremendous dream but little else.

Thanks to Brian Pollock Motors, the local Ford dealer, these people were able, with his vital sponsorship, to kick off Canberra City.

Canberra, as all soccer followers know, was little more than a joke in national circles.

Now, thanks to the PSL and the work of many, soccer in the national capital is thriving.

Canberra City has a long way to go — the people deeply involved in the club at the present time are the first to concede this.

But in 15 months of existence Canberra City and soccer in the ACT is rapidly coming of age.

Not many clubs can boast more than 13,000 fans at their first two home games, no club can boast the playing and training facilities available at Bruce Stadium, no club can boast supporters already "dying" for their home team.

Canberra City's current board of directors is:

Chairman **Doug Holman**, resident partner and manager of the world-wide Jones Lang Wootton real estate firm.

Vice presidents: **Theo Mouls**, father of City starlet **Danny** and also, in his "spare time", owner, chef, boss etc. of the top restaurant in the capital, the Bacchus Tavern.

The other vice president is **Charles Perkins**, former Pan Hellenic star and First Assistant Secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Peter Windsor (Immigration) **Victor Felko** (National Library) **Bill Arnold** (Pharmacist) and **Steve Doszpot** (Sanyo manager) are the other directors.

Hal Leslie, secretary of the ACT Soccer Federation for so many years, is the club's secretary and executive director.

Canberra City's incredible supporters' club is led by **Jack Evans** (president) and **Ron Wilson** (secretary).

On the coaching/managerial side, my former St George team mate **Victor Fernandez** is my assistant and also in charge of youth development. He



Part of the huge crowd in Canberra's magnificent \$5-million Bruce Stadium during Canberra's opening home game looks on as teenaged Terry Byrne has an aerial duel with Robert Marwe.

has 50 of the ACT's top youngsters under his control and he is assisted by **John Doyle**, enthusiastic physical education teacher and former ACT First Division player.

Denis Hall, another former coach in the ACT, is the physiotherapist. He is employed as a professional remedial therapist at the Woden Valley Hospital in Canberra.

Tying all the loose ends together and doing a great job is everyone's favourite **Billy Smith**.

Billy is a young Canberran, the type of guy who is essential to any club's existence — a hard worker, players' confidant, a tremendous source of inspiration to myself, much the same as **Peter van Ryn** is to the national team and the great **Lou Lazar** was before him.

These people are worth their weight in gold to teams and Billy Smith is no exception at Canberra City.

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Many of the faces have changed — but the above picture shows the original squad that served Canberra City so well in its inaugural year. From left (back row), **Billy Smith** (team's assistant), **Roy Stark**, **Jimmy Cant**, **John Brown**, **Ian Lindenmayer**, **Ron Tilse**, **Adrian Alston**, **Mike Milovanovic**, **Oscar Langone**, **John Warren**. Middle row: **Keni Kawaleva**, **Brian**

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Stoddart, **Chris Tomlinson**, **Mike Black**, **Vic Fernandez**, **Ken Henderson**, **Ivan Grujicic**, **Nick Boskov**, **Danny Mouls**. Front row: **David O'Connor**, **Alan Bourke**, **Greg Willett**, **Luis Saigardo**, **Steven Hogg**.

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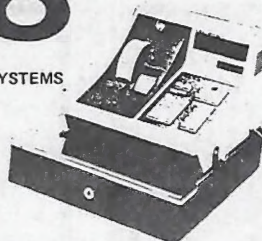
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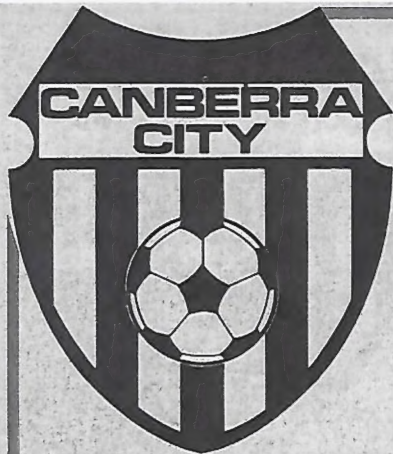
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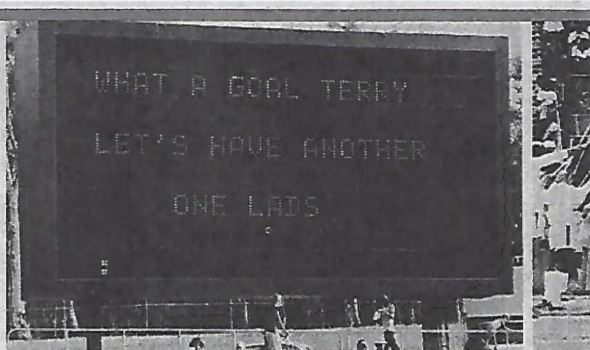
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City's 18-year-old full-back, Mike Milovanovic, forces his way down the wing against Adelaide City. Milovanovic is but one of many talented teenagers at Canberra. Others include Danny Moulis, Ian Lindenmayer, Stephen Hogg, Greg Willett, Terry Byrne and Ian Heywood.



Electronic scoreboards — particularly ones the size of a drive-in movie screen, are great for promotion and vehicles for crowd-pleasing gimmicks. Here Terry Byrne's goal against Adelaide City is blazoned for everyone to see. And the lads did meet the request by getting a second and taking a point.

John hono... again... one o... a solid game



Canberra's Reserves and Colts and ball boys.



Canberra captain Tony Henderson (right) taping the ball clear, making Duncan Cummings (South Melbourne) miss with his shot.



John Brown takes the ball away in front of Fitzroy's Jim Campbell (right). At left is Fitzroy captain Pat Bannon.

These are the me

Goalies



RON TILSED, 25, promotions officer, recruited from the East London club in South Africa for the start of the 1977 season. 17 league appearances last year.



GARY PARKER, 22 — salesman, joined this year from the East London club in South Africa, where Tilsed, and Tony Henderson played.



JOHN BROWN, 27, draftsman, originally from Scottish club Hearts. 26 app. — the only Canberra player to appear in all league games last year.

Assistant coach

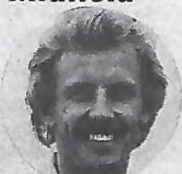


VIC FERNANDEZ, played for Canberra last year but has retired for the time being to concentrate on coaching. Former star of St. George — Budapest.

Midfield



ROY STARK, 24, self-employed, was on the books of Aston Villa in England and played in Hong Kong before joining Canberra in 1977. 18 app., 1 goal.



TONY HENDERSON, 23, salesman, another player who came from East London in South Africa. 25 app. and 4 goals in 1977. One of the top PSL players of 1977.



JOHN DAVIES, 20, swimming pool attendant, capped once for Australia — in Canberra against Hong Kong in 1976. Came from Canberra club Melrose Lions to Sydney Croatia, and joined Canberra City a few weeks ago.

Defenders:



DANNY MOULIS, 17, student, also a product of Canberra juniors, 25 appearances in 1977 and one goal.



MIKE MILOVANOVIC, 17, student, played for Canberra United before joining this year, and is already being hailed as a major new addition to the PSL.



JIM CANT, 24, self-employed, joined from Scottish club Hearts last year. 20 app. His experience is invaluable to the team.

Total attendance may reach

Canberra's achievements so far this year are nothing short of incredible when compared with

1977 statistics.

For example, its first two home games drew more than 6000 spectators each, and both

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A projection of figures so far would give Canberra a

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Brown, has a guard of as he takes the field West Adelaide. Brown, 27, City's first acquisitions, is club-man and played every City last season.



Danny Moulis (left) tangles with Chris Kent of South Melbourne Hellas. Moulis was last year named among the best three under 21 players in the PSL by the Australian Soccer Press Association. The other two were John Kosmina (West Adelaide Hellas) and Chris Kalafatis (South Melbourne).

City's boss one of the all-time greats

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Johnny Warren is one of the giants of Australian soccer.

He was with St. George for 13 years — 11 of them as captain.

In that time he won 45 caps for Australia and captained the National team from 1967 until 1971 when a knee injury put him out of the game for 16 months.

He made a fairytale comeback and played in the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974, only to be injured again in the first match against East Germany.

Once again he came back, and in the 1974 grand final he scored the winning goal for St. George. After that game he hung up his boots and took up the cares of management.

He had been player coach in 1974, and the following year, coaching from the sidelines, he steered St. George to victory in the Ampol Cup, the club championship and finally the second successive grand final.

In Tokyo, in 1971, St. George was playing against the Japanese B team in a three nation tournament which Saints won under the then coach, **Rale Rasic**.

Warren scored a goal and as he did, the Japanese goalkeeper collided with him, knocking Warren out cold.

When he recovered, Rasic asked him whether he wanted to come off the field and Warren said: "Not on your life."

Rasic later presented Warren with a trophy as the best player of the tour. Warren immediately handed it over to young **George Harris**, saying: "This is the future of St. George."



Johnny Warren expresses his appreciation after receiving a special award for service to soccer from the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The Queen has honored Johnny Warren with the MBE and last year, the soccer writers of Australia presented him with a special merit award for outstanding service to the game.

He became manager-coach of Canberra at the beginning of the first Phillips League season.

Forwards:



STEVEN HOGG, 17, student, local junior product, 14 app. Developing all the time and at his young age has a tremendous future in Australian soccer.



BRIAN STODDART, 26, salesman, played for Highland Park in the South African national league, where he was top league scorer in 1976. Joined Canberra for start of last season. 22 app., 3 goals.



KEN HENDERSON, 22, club employee, brother of Tony Henderson, arrived recently from overseas, and if he's anything like Tony, he'll be a big asset.



IAN HEYWOOD, 18, swimming pool attendant, Preston North End apprentice who came from England this year. One of Canberra's new brigade.



GREG WILLETT, 17, student, product of Canberra junior soccer and praiser of great potential.



IVAN GRUJICIC, 27, salesman, played for Sydney Croatia, South Coast United and Essendon-Croatia. Joined last year. 25 app., 4 goals.



LUIS SALGADO, 23, panel beater, came from South America in 1977. 2 app. Has subtle skills in the true Latin tradition.



TERRY BYRNE, 19, club employee, Preston North End apprentice, joined this year, and already being hailed as a potential star.



KENI KAWALEVA, 25, builder, played for Fiji national team before joining Canberra, 8 app., one goal. Tough, fast forward dangerous near goal.

70,000

result of expert promotion which has undoubtedly established soccer as the No. 1 sport in Canberra.

It is also the result of Canberra moving to the magnificent Bruce Stadium — proof that people will go to soccer if you can offer them good facilities. Canberra will soon offer added comfort at its new licensed premises.

Although Canberra finished second last in 1977, with only five wins, the club is sure to surge up the ladder this year.

Despite its lowly position last season, Canberra had a decisive effect on the championship struggle between Marconi and Hakoah when it beat Marconi 1-0 at home.

Other good results in 1977 included 0-0 with Hakoah, 4-0 v Sydney Olympic and 0-0 with West.

Best wishes for the season 1978
you beauty — Canberra City

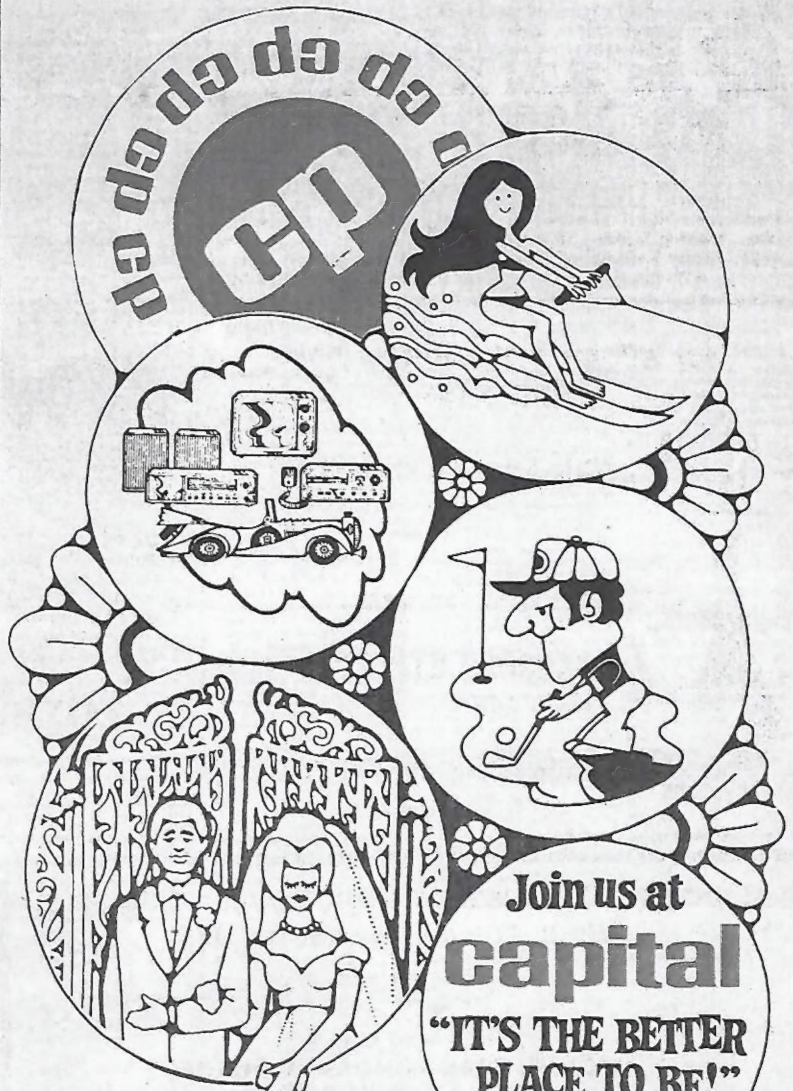
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Roy Hamilton wins Cup for Croydon

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CROYDON: Edwards 7, Sinclair 6, Pengo 8, McCombe 9, T. Kelly 8, Murphy 8, Lowrey 7, Wylie 8, Hamilton 14, Black 7, C. Kelly 8, WEST: Kias 5, Kyrtidis 8, Jovanovic 8, Karapanagiotidis 5, Tsambikos 7, Theodoridis 12, Sgouris 8, S. Skorsis 6, Patsakos 6, Storgiou 7.

New-look Croydon City, pushing strongly for a place in the State League, started the season off on the right foot by winning the Cumberland Cup.

Heroes for Croydon were Roy Hamilton, who grabbed a hat-trick, and Steve McCombe. McCombe was solid as a rock in defence and with Alan Pengo also playing well, the Western Suburbs forwards didn't have much of a look in.

Wests were without star midfielders Steve Moore, who was sent off in Saturday's Dockerty Cup game against Albion Leyland, and Andy Czaplak, who was still recovering from an illness.

Tony Vlna, the Western

Suburbs coach, was angry over the unavailability of Moore.

"Moore's case has not been heard yet," said Vlna before the game, "so even if he gets off at the tribunal he has still been penalised."

"We base our whole game around him, and we will miss him in the final."

Vlna was right, as Wests were no match for Croydon after the first 15 minutes.

Wests went into the lead in the 12th minute when George Theodoridis got onto the end of a cross from Tom Patsakos.

Croydon equalised minutes later through Hamilton.

Hamilton grabbed two more, and although Wests fought hard Croydon had control.



Ian McCarthy



Nick Cook

McCarthy in swap deal

Green Gully Ajax is negotiating to swap its new midfielder Nick Cook for Ian McCarthy of Sunshine.

The two clubs agreed last week on the deal, which was to have included about \$2000 paid by Sunshine to Ajax.

However, the deal was delayed when Sunshine asked that the \$2000 sum be lowered.

Cook arrived from England only this year but is apparently not happy at Ajax.

McCarthy played for Melbourne and Essendon Lions before joining Sunshine.

Baker returns, Hakoah wins

HAKOAH 4 (Clarey, Jordanou, Craig (Pen), Blair) GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Jordanou OG).

HAKOAH: Whiteside, Rainey, Jordanou, Baker, Smith, Valli, Gadsby, Blair, Adamakis (Edmondson 80th), Craig, Clarey.

AJAX: Denys, Klain, Patten, Donaldson, Berens, Torner (Gambin 46th), Vassallo, L. Thompson, Segi, Perkin, Tribuzzio (Parker 72nd).

Hakoah Recorded its best victory in 12 months at the expense of Green Gully at

Box Hill's Wembley Park on Saturday. Its previous best was also a 4-1 victory against Green Gully in the first round of the 1977 State League.

Hakoah was the better side, but the match took a twist when the referee Nick Kerlich awarded a penalty for what looked like a legitimate tackle by Willie Dasselino on Mike Clarey, late in the second half.

George Craig gave Lou Denys no chance with his spot kick to put Hakoah 3-1 up, and Ajax disappeared.

For Ajax, Vassallo played his heart out in midfield, harassing, chasing and winning the ball and distributing it well.

However most of his team mates were found wanting, and the forward line didn't make any impression on the Hakoah defence, strengthened by the return of David Baker and well marshalled by new keeper Billy Whiteside.

The match opened with two goals in the first 10 minutes.

Jordanou put the ball into his own goal in an attempt to clear an Andy Segi cross, and Mike Clarey equalised from close range after controlling a left wing cross and evading a John Patten tackle.

The score remained level until half time, mainly because the players found the going hard on the slippery surface, and because Lou Denys, handled perfectly all crossballs aimed at the head of Craig.

David Perkin, starved of any worthwhile service, started the second half with a clear cry for three players before putting a low cross into the area.

However, Gerry Tribuzzio did not connect despite being well placed.

At the other end Vassallo managed to turn a Clarey cross away for a corner, just ahead of the onrushing Craig.

Clarey, having the better of Berens again poked the ball into the area but Steve Gadsby hit the side netting with his shot.

Denys made another fine save off Craig in the 74th minute, and the pressure finally paid off a minute later when the ball was floated over from a corner kick and Jordanou lurking unmarked on the far side, hammered it home.

Clarey cut inside with 11 minutes to go and hit a shot that Denys just managed to get a hand to.

To his relief, the ball trickled around the far post for a corner. The penalty finally sealed the match in the 85th minute and two minutes later Stewart Blair capped Hakoah's day, scoring from Gadsby's pass after the latter had gone past Patten.

— PETER DESIRA.

RESULTS

"Soccer Action" apologises that our Dockerty Cup review is incomplete due to difficulties connected with the Easter holiday.

Full results were — Geelong 0, Ringwood City 1; Western Suburbs 3, Albion Leyland 4; Springvale 1, George Cross 4; Sunshine City 2, Ardeer 1; Craigh 3, Box Hill 1; Frankston 3, Juventus 2; Hakoah 4, Green Gully 1; Croydon 1, Preston 0.



Hakoah striker Mike Clarey (left) goes past State squad member John Patten (right) of Ajax, in the Dockerty Cup match at Box Hill. Picture by PETER DESIRA.

Mighty Moore sent off

ALBION LEYLAND 4 (Greechan 20th min., Mitten 25th min & 85th min. Quinn 39th min.) WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Patsakos 34th min., Moore pen 59th min. & pen 61st min.)

ALBION: Oliver 7, Daperis 6, Nisbet 7, Maikousis 7, Doolan 6, McIntyre 6, D'Sylva 7, Greechan 8, McCormack 6, Mitten 7, Quinn 6. **WESTS:** Kiss 5, Kyrtidis 7, Tsambikos 6, Jaworski 6, Karapanagiotidis 5, Glykokalamos 6, Moore 9, (sent off 64th min) Daglis 6, Patsakos 7, G Skorsis 6, C. Skorsis 6, (Storgiou 7, half time)

Western Suburbs' star midfielder Steve Moore, who transferred from Slavia at the start of this season, gave a brilliant display in this game. Moore, completely dominated the midfield but was sent off in the second half.

Wests coach Tony Vlna says Moore should be in the present State squad.

"There are six midfielders in Duncan Mackay's squad," said Vlna, "and Moore is better than at least four of them."

Moore led Wests' comeback in the second half when they levelled the score after trailing 1-3 at half time.

Albion was without full back Jim

Johnstone, and his place was taken by Derek Doelan.

Kit Greechan played on the right wing and Billy McIntyre went into the midfield to cover for Greechan.

Greechan's move was successful as he gave Albion extra punch up front and scored the side's first goal.

Noel Mitten made it 2-0 with the help of some black marking by the West defence.

Tom Patsakos pulled one back for Wests, but Alan Quinn made it 3-1 five minutes later and the game looked over.

The game went quiet until the 59th minute when Moore scored from the penalty spot.

Daperis tackled Patsakos in the 18-yard box, and the referee gave a penalty to Albion's amazement.

All of a sudden the game was alive and two minutes later the scores were level.

Once again it was the unlucky Daperis who gave away the penalty from the spot.

West came close when Moore hit the post with a great shot, and it looked as though Albion was going to suffer the same fate as Slavia did in the last round, and be

knocked out of the cup by the first-division Wests.

However, tragedy struck for Wests when Moore was sent off.

He clashed with George Maikousis, and the scuffle continued after the whistle had gone.

A free kick was awarded to Moore, but strangely he was sent off and Maikousis got off scot free.

Play sea-sawed, but Albion grabbed the winner five minutes from the end. Mitten got the goal, and it was Wests first defeat of the season.

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MAKEDONIA SHOCKED BY CROYDON

CROYDON CITY 1 (Wylie 69th min.) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0.

CROYDON: Edwards 7, Sinclair 6, Pengo 9, McCombe 8, T. Kelly 7, Lowrey 7, Murphy 7, C. Kelly 8, Black 6, Hamilton 7, Gerrish 7 (Wylie 7, 35th min.)

PRESTON: Laumets 6, Hooper 6, Gladding 7, Brewerton 6, Glasson 5, Beach 5 (Bernard 5, half time), McDermott 7, Flaherty 5, Leslie 5, Glennon 5 (McMillan, 80th min.), Hallam 5.

Preston Makedonia was brought down to earth with a thud when it lost to First Division Croydon City in this game.

The Makedonia players underestimated Croydon, a tragic mistake when you think of the experienced players the First Division side has.

More than half the Croydon team has played in the Phillips of State League, making it no pushover.

However, only Billy McClymont and Paul Gladding showed any fight for Makedonia, and it was a below par performance by the Ampol Cup finalist.

Steve Beach, playing in midfield, never got into the game, and it was no surprise when coach Bill Dumbell replaced him at half time.

Beach would be better suited to either a full back or wing position, as he is not at home in the midfield.

Paul Hallam didn't help Makedonia with his selfishness. Often he held on to the ball far too long, trying to do everything on his own.

Croydon's centre backs Alan Pengo and Steve McCombe held a tight reign on the Makedonia strikers and anything that got past them was covered by the reliable Mick Edwards in goal.

Charlie Kelly played a great game for Croydon in midfield, and Tom Kelly was outstanding at full back.

Preston had the first chance of the game, but

Beach's shot went over the bar.

Eric Leslie shot wide when well placed in the 30th minute and at the other end it was only a great save by Peter Laumets that kept the score deadlocked.

Geoff Gerrish had put over a good cross and Roy Hamilton's header had Laumets at full stretch.

Croydon played it tight at the back but it needed surprise impression up front.

Mike Lynn is in England doing a coaching course at the moment and when he returns from his six-week visit Croydon will have a stronger attack.

Wylie got the all-important goal in the 69th minute.

Charlie Kelly put a perfect pass into space and Wylie ran to it, going around Tom Brewerton in the process.

Wylie left the Makedonia defence behind as he lashed a shot past Laumets from 20 metres.

Croydon withstood some pressure from Makedonia, which was desperately searching for an equaliser and could have gone 2-0 up soon after.

Charlie Kelly powered a shot at Laumets, but the Victorian State team goalie saved his side once again.

Croydon played out the game for a well-deserved victory and is capable of surprising a few more State League teams in the Dockerty Cup.

JOHN KALINCEV.

ONLY TWO MATCHES THIS WEEK

Only two of the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals will be played this week.

The games are Hakoah v Croydon and Ringwood City v Albion Leyland.

They will be played as a double-header at Waverley City's ground from 1 pm on Sunday, Hakoah v Croydon being the first game.

The other quarter-finals — George Cross v Sunshine and Essendon Croatia v Frankston — will be played as a double-header on Saturday, June 10.

There is no State League round that weekend, as Australia plays against Greece on Sunday, June 11, at Olympic Park.

The Victorian Soccer Federation felt it would be unfair to ask Croatia to play this weekend, as Croatia meets Makedonia in the Ampol Cup final on Saturday night.

Croatia and George Cross will kick off the 1978 State League season with their match at Olympic Park on Friday, April 6, at 7.30 pm.

Enter Cumming, exit Box Hill!

ESSENDON CROATIA 3 (Krnecvic 68th min., Culina 79th min., Murphy 85th min.) BOX HILL 1 (Berardini 53rd min.)

CROATIA: Petrovski 7, Smart 7, Kekoska 6, Gardiner 5, Blavac 6, Andrews 6, Kerr 6, Culina 7, Davidson 5, (Cumming 64th min.), Krnecvic 6.

BOX HILL: Morgan 7, Patterson 6, Corke 7, Brown 6, Laphin 7, (Owen 80th min.), McLeod 6, Taylor 6, Waidyck 7, Tsakidis 5 (Ramos 82nd min.), Tuffield 6, Berardini 6.

With less than half an hour of the game remaining, Croatia was down 0-1, and decided something had to be done.

Pin-sized dynamo Tommy Cumming came on for Brian Davidson and it was goodbye Box Hill.

It's incredible how much difference Cumming makes to the Croatia team.

The Ampol Cup finalist was still able to dominate the play, but without Cumming its attacks were predictable and lacked thrust.

Box Hill left back Jim Laphin gave Davidson a torrid time, and on the other flank Ken Murphy was well covered.

It was unfortunate that Laphin received an injury in a clash with Brank Kulina. This put him at a disadvantage when trying to contain the elusive Cumming.

Laphin was eventually replaced by Trevor Owen but was one of the Hillmen's best players during his stay on the field, as was Aukie Waidyck.

Cumming destroyed the Box Hill defence with his speedy, weaving runs with the ball and set up numerous chances for the other Croatia forwards.

Eddie Krnecvic was an effective target man for Croatia but he didn't get good service from the wingers.

The tall 17-year-old striker had a little advantage over Box Hill's central defenders Paul Corke and John Brown, but rarely did he get a good cross from the flank to head at goal.

The biggest threat to Box Hill came from midfielders Alan Kerr and Culina.

Kerr in particular was never picked up when coming forward from midfield and fired many shots at Graham Morgan in goal.

Morgan was the hero for Box Hill in the first half, keeping Croatia scoreless.

He made many fine saves in the slippery conditions, playing one of his best games for the club since transferring from Melbourne at the start of last season.

There's no doubting that Croatia was the superior team but the Hillmen gave themselves a chance by fighting for every ball.

Box Hill defended with determination, but had few attacking moves in the first half.

Kerr hit the bar, but that was the closest Croatia came to scoring in the opening 45 minutes.

Box Hill went into a shock lead 10 minutes into the second half when a goal by SERGE BERARDINI.

Ian McLeod had found Ian Tuffield on the left wing with a good long ball and Tuffield took the ball in his stride and cut into the middle.

He evaded several tackles before sliding the ball to Berardini, who tapped it into the open goal from five metres.

The Hillmen lifted their game and proceeded to play their best soccer for the game in the next 10 minutes.

Ray Taylor could have put the Hillmen into the lead but his left foot drive was well saved by Dime Petrovski.

However, tragedy was to strike for Box Hill soon after.

With Cumming on the field, Ken Murphy cut in from the left and fired a shot at goal.

Morgan went down for the ball but it skidded and bounced off his chest, giving Krnecvic the simple task of tapping the ball into the net.

However, the Hillmen were still in with a chance and continued to show tremendous fighting spirit.

However, the pace and skill of Cumming was too much for the tired Box Hill defenders.

Culina put Croatia into the lead after Cumming had gone past five Box Hill players to set the goal up.

Morgan made an unbelievable save minutes later from Krnecvic. Once again it was Cumming who set up the move but Krnecvic's shot from point-blank range was somehow held by Morgan.

The result was beyond doubt but Murphy made it 3-1 when he robbed Corke near the half way line and ran unchallenged to the edge of the penalty area before slotting the ball past the hapless Morgan.

Box Hill lost but was not disgraced.

It gave Croatia a run for its money and will benefit from the hard game.

The Hillmen still have regular first teamers Kenny Hall and Noel Cupido to come back into the side.

Cupido was a late withdrawal because of a knee injury and was replaced by 17-year-old Kyle Patterson.

Another Box Hill youngster, 16-year-old Pedro Ramos, came on as a sub and is a great prospect.

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IRANAINS

But Gheichkhani may strengthen their team

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Iran has a tradition to uphold when it enters the World Cup final tournament in June. It is a tradition of excellence set in 1966 by North Korea, and since followed by other World Cup representatives from the Asia-Oceania region.

In England in 1966 North Korea beat Italy 1-0 and drew 1-1 with Chile to reach the quarter finals where it led Portugal 3-0 before losing 3-5 due to the brilliance of Eusebio.

In Mexico in 1970, Iran was Asia's representative, and although it finished last in its group, it nevertheless managed to draw 1-1 with Sweden and 0-0 with Italy.

It was Australia's turn to represent the region in West Germany in 1974, and it is well known that we did much better than had been expected in drawing 0-0 with Chile and losing only to the world champion, West Germany, and to the only team that beat the champion, East Germany.

All these results may have shaken the world, but it must be remembered that the Asian representative in the World Cup is, together with the African representative, the least accomplished in the series.

On present indications, Iran may even emulate the 1966 achievement of North Korea.

We all saw the Iranians when they beat Australia 1-0 in their qualifying match at Olympic Park last August. They were fast, skilful, tactically well-organised by coach Hossein Mohajerani and there was a fierce urgency about their play.

In their 11 World Cup qualifying matches, including the Asian Group Three games, Iran remained unbeaten and scored 20 goals to 3. Quite clearly, they were in a class of their own, no matter what you say about Dave Harding's missed penalty in the match in Melbourne.

As well as having all the qualities outlined earlier — speed, skill, determination — the Iranians were also physically stronger than their Asian and Middle East opponents, and just as strong as the Australians.

In fact, in the game against Australia, Iran won in those positions where we thought we may have had a physical advantage.

Big Peter Orlerton, for example, was crushed by 35-year-old Andranik Eskandarian, and oldest man in Iran's squad.

For the record, these were the details of the Australia v Iran match, with player ratings used in "Soccer Action" at the time.

AUSTRALIA 0-1 **IRAN** 1 (Rowshan 88th min), crowd 17,500.

AUSTRALIA: Allen Maher 5; George Harris 6, Col Bennett 7, Murray Wilson 6, Harry Williams 5, Jimmy Barnes 5, Dave Harding 5, Murray Rooney 8, John Kominia 4, Peter Orlerton 4, John Nyshokus 3 (Peter Sharpe 71st min).

IRAN: Nasser Hejazi 7; Hassan Nazari 8, Nasrullah Abdulahi 7, Hossein Kazemli 8, Andranik Eskandarian 8, Ali Parvin 7, Mohammad Sadeghi 9, Hassan Nayebzadeh 7, Ebrahim Ghassempour 7 (Habib Khabazi 79th); Hassan Rowshan 8, Ghafoor Johani 9.

Iran started the final Asian qualifying series with a 2-0 victory over Hong Kong away. Johani scored both the goals, but on paper the victory didn't look impressive, and neither did Iran's scoreless draw with South Korea in Seoul, in the second match.

However, any doubts about



Iranian midfielder Mohammad Sadeghi (left) tangles with Australia's Col Bennett.

Iran's ability were removed in Melbourne.

Iran took another big step towards the finals when it beat neighboring Kuwait 1-0 with a goal by Johani in front of 100,000 fans in Tehran in November.

The deciding game was played in Tehran on November 25, against Australia.

Victory meant qualification for the finals, anything less meant the issue would be decided in the final game between Kuwait and Iran in Kuwait.

In the first half Iran was over-cautious, afraid of making the one mistake that may have wrecked all the good work of previous games.

Yet, according to Derek Allsop of the "Daily Mail", the Australian team that confronted Iran was inferior in almost every department.

"Their general play was clumsy and naive; they were vulnerable at the back and unimaginative in midfield," Allsop wrote.

"Australia's performance in West Germany in 1974 had rightly injected optimism for the future, but since then they have gone back ..."

"Iran played composed, creative football. And had splendid mid-field partners in the subtle, hard-shooting Ghassempour and the teasing Sadeghi."

"Fittingly, it was Parvin, just before half-time, who created the precious goal with a right wing run and cross for centre forward Johani to bundle in. It was greeted with a thunderous roar of relief as much as joy and a shower of oranges."

In the second half Iran, more relaxed, overran Australia and should have increased their lead. Their weakness was in front of goal but then Rowshan was watching from the sidelines.

"At the end the players were mobbed and Mohajerani was carried away in triumph. Everyone celebrated with tea and mandarins and then the players filed up to the Crown Prince for personal congratulations."

Thus, Iran's final match, against Kuwait on December 3, was a mere formality.

Faizal Dakhil put Kuwait ahead in the 14th minute and Abdul-Aziz Anbari had two more good chances.

Iran pulled itself together after half time and newcomer Farhan Shiran equalised in the 50th minute with a 13-metre shot to the left of goalkeeper Tarabulsi.

The winning goal came 10 minutes later from Habib Khabazi.

Iran's march towards the World Cup finals has started.

What really set Iran on the path to success was the formation of a new, ambitious and resourceful football federation about five years ago, and the establishment of a national league.

The man who laid the foundations of the national team's success was Englishman Frank O'Farrell. For two years, Mohajerani worked as

Andranik Eskandarian, left back.

and lost 2-3 to Poland and 1-2 to the USSR.

In May, 1977, after it had won the Asian Group Three World Cup group, Iran went to Madrid to take part in Real Madrid's 75th anniversary tournament.

In the first game, against a full-strength Argentina, Iran managed a 1-1 draw, and got nine corners to Argentina's seven. However, it lost 1-4 on penalties.

Argentinian Ricardo Villa said afterwards: "Iran was just better than us. We were too confident and they surprised us and could have won."

In the play-off for third place, Iran drew 1-1 with African club champion Mouloudia Chaabla of Algeria and won 5-3 on corners.

Details of the two matches were:

ARGENTINA 1 (Bertoni 14th), **IRAN** 1 (Sadeghi 78th).

ARGENTINA 4-1 on penalties: Argentinians: Gatti, Olguin, Gallego, Tarantini, Carrascosa; Argentinians: Villa (Benitez 58th), Killer, Hausman (0 rls 50th), Luque, Bertoni.

IRAN 1 (Ghafoor) **MOULUDIA CHAABLA** 1 (Zenfir 60th), Iran won on penalties 5-3.

Iran team: Nebani; Nazari, Kazerani, Abdulahi, Eskandarian; Parvin, Sadeghi, Ghassempour; Rowshan, Johani, Adikhani (Niyakani 74).

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Qualifying games

Iran's qualifying programme:									
ASIAN GROUP THREE									
17.17 IRAN v SAUDI ARABIA 0 IRAN 3 at 30,000.									
28.17 IRAN v DAMASCUS: SYRIA 0 IRAN 1, at 30,000.									
6.47 IRAN awarded 2-0 forfeit win when Syria withdrew.									
22.47 IRAN v SHIRAZ: IRAN 2 SAUDI ARABIA 0, crowd 6,178.									
Other results: Saudi Arabia 2 Syria 0, Syria 2 Saudi Arabia 1. Standings:									
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FEAR GEMMILL



Argentina '78

the last
sixteen

Played in three Olympic Games

Iran has competed in the World Cup only once before, when it took part in the 1973 qualifying series, won by Australia.

Its results were: v Syria 1-0, 0-1; v North Korea 2-1, 0-0; v Kuwait 2-0, 2-1.

Standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Iran	4	1	7	3	9	
Syria	3	1	2	3	7	
North Korea	3	2	5	5		
Kuwait	1	4	4	8	3	

Asian second round: v Australia 0-3, 2-0.

Iran has also taken part in three Olympic Games soc-

cer tournaments — in Tokyo, 1964, in Munich 1972, and in Montreal, 1976. Results: 1964: v West Germany 0-4, v Mexico 1-1, v Rumania 0-1; 1972: v Hungary 0-5, v Denmark 0-4, v Brazil 1-0, 1976: v Cuba 1-0, v Poland 2-3, v USSR 1-2.



The victorious Iranians run onto the Olympic Park pitch in Melbourne where they beat Australia 1-0 in their World Cup qualifying game last year.

From right: Ali Parvin (captain), Nasser Hejazi, Hossein Kazerani, Ghafoor Johani, Nasrullah Abdullahi, Andranik Eskandarian, Hassan Nayabagha, Mohammad Sadeghi, Ebrahim Ghassem-pour, Hassan Nazari.

Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:

GROUP ONE
Argentina
Italy
Hungary
France

GROUP TWO
West Germany
Poland
Mexico
Tunisia

GROUP THREE
Brazil
Sweden
Austria
Spain

GROUP FOUR
Holland
Scotland
Iran
Peru

O'Farrell's assistant, "O'Farrell organized us, showed us the way. He must share our success," Mohajerani says.

Now Mohajerani is the maestro and he has his own assistant. In Agbar Sharafi, who was sent to Britain recently to study the players of Scotland, one of Iran's opponents in Group Four of the finals.

After reading Sharafi's report, Mohajerani said: "We do not talk about winning the tournament or even going a long way, but we are sure we will be good representatives of Asia and no-one will be able to treat a match against us as a break. We go to Argentina fearing no-one."

Sharafi spent time at Manchester United, studying Scottish internationals Martin Buchan, Lou Macari, Joe Jordan, Stewart Houston and Willie Donachie.

Sharafi says Scotland's greatest strength will be in midfield, and that Archie Gemmill will be the motivator there. "That man Gemmill is incredible," he said. "He is everywhere, he does everything and he does it well. He is always working and always available. Then, when he gets the ball he uses it quickly and effectively. He is not a young man and yet he runs around like a 20-year-old. He is an inspiration to everyone around him and I'm sure that will be the case in Argentina."

"Hartford is similar to Gemmill and I rate him second among their midfield players. He is very strong and also has this enthusiasm. Macari is another busy little player and he also gets into good goalscoring positions."

"Don Mason and Bruce Rioch didn't impress me so much, but then I saw them in a game their team lost 0-4."

Mohajerani will watch Scotland in the Home International championships and also plans trips to see the other World Cup opponents, Holland and Peru.

Iran plans practice matches against France at home and away against Mexico at home.

These matches will decide whether Hassan Nazari, the outstanding right back, will be given a midfield role in Argentina.

Many Spanish clubs have been interested in Nazari, the man they compare with Real Madrid's Paul Breitner.

Nazari, 22, says: "I am ambitious, I want to do well in the game, but the standard is getting higher all the time in Iran and professionalism is coming, therefore there is no real point in moving to Europe."

Talking about money, the Iran players are said to have received about \$15,000 each for qualifying for the finals.

The scheduled friendly matches should see the return of striker Hassan Rowshan who recently had a cartilage operation, but there is no news more exciting

project — the return of Parvizi Ghelichkhani.

Undoubtedly the finest player Iran has produced, Ghelichkhani scored both goals when Iran beat Australia 2-0 in Teheran during the 1973 qualifying series.

He has recently been trying his luck in the United States.

Sharafi says: "We are trying very hard to get him and are hopeful of succeeding. He would mean a lot to us. He can play everywhere except goal. He is that good!"

Whatever happens, Mohajerani and Sharafi will bow out of international football after the World Cup. Both want to return to the club scene.

Mohajerani explains: "We have made great progress with the national team and it has given me considerable

personal satisfaction but I am also interested in the general development of the game in our country."

"Football has taken hold of Iran and now we have a lot to do at club level. This is where I would now like to be involved."

"We must work at our game at all levels. We must work at school and youth levels, where we have already made vast improvements. Our players are getting better and will continue to get better."

Both Mahajerani and Sharafi are being linked with Iran's most popular club, Persepolis, which recently finished second in the Iranian league, won by Teheran rival Pas.

"The pressures are too great in international football," Sharafi says.

"If you don't win it is a national disaster. You are always travelling. There's a limit to how much you can take of this sort of life."

Ali Parvin has played throughout the historic years of Iran's soccer development.

He is 31, the captain and an inspiration to the team. A small, compact player with great vision, he currently has 82 caps and will set a new Iranian record during the finals.

About Iran's qualification, he says: "Getting to Argentina is our just reward. I knew it would be possible under the new Federation."

Sharafi added: "Remember, getting to Argentina isn't all we are interested in. We want to go further — this is only a little of what we can achieve."



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"Bon Voyage"



Iran's goalkeeper Nasser Hejazi punches clear above Australian midfielder Murray Barnes

ZIKA NIKOLIC



Prosele subote JUST je bio domaćin u pravom smislu ove reči. Igrao je na svom obnovljenom igralistu, koje je daleko od idealnog, ali je JUST gospodar na njemu. Nije delio prihod, kad je već morao da podeli bodove. Posete je bila neočekivano velika, što znači da je JUST povratio navijače i njihovo poverenje. Treba samo nastaviti sa dobrom igrom i pobjedama, pa će stadion biti bitl krcat i nedovoljno velik za svu publiku. Ali ne treba zabraviti na vreme, koje ima promenljivu ćud. Prva velika kisa za vreme igre upropastice sav trud. Zbog toga treba sto pre pokriti stepenice i betonirati parkiraliste.

Dok je uprava trljala ruke, jer se trka sa vremenom bogato isplatala, dotle je trener Ceda Cirkovic resavao nove probleme. Rujevic i Parrott nisu mogli da igraju zbog povreda na treningu, dok su Vasic, Kriaric i Nicolaidis bili delimično sposobni az igru. Koko sad postaviti tim? Odrbrana je neočekivano postala Ahilova peta "plave masine". Ne gresl cesto, ali uvek fatalno. Možda je to pobudio Cedu Cirkovica da od novog igračice Lujica i Hazabenta stvori bekovski tandem, koji ce biti neprelazan. A navala, ovakva kakva je sada, moćice uvek da smucka jedan ili dva gola.

NAVJAJACI TRAZE NOVU KRV U NAVALI

Vatreni i verni navijaci "plavih" zelesasvim drugo. "Bombardera" u navili, od koga ce drhtati protivnicke odrbrane i menjati stil igre. Napad je najbolja odrbrana, tvrde navijaci, kojima nije jasno sta Zdravko Lujica trazi u odrbrani kad je dosao da igra centarfora? Navijaci kao navijaci, zabravljaju da nuda menja svaki zakon, sto je bio slučaj ovog puta. Zdravko Lujic ce brzo dobiti priliku da trese protivnicke mreze, uverava nas trener Cirkovic.

Problem je i golman O'Hara, koji svojim vikanjem zbunjuje vise svoje nego protivnicke igrače.

"PLAVI" NEZADOVOLJNI IZBOROM SUDIJA

U JUST-ovom taboru vlada nezadovoljstvo zbog navadnog loseg i pristrasnog sudjenja delioca pravde iz Kanbere. Pored nepotrebnog troska, to je ujedno samar sudijama iz Melburna, koji su do sada bili vise nego uvidljivi prema gostima. Sta se vise trazi od sudije? Da izmislija penale i ofsajde, pita rezignirano trener Ceda Cirkovic!

HA KOAH iz Sidneja je snazan tim, koji igra svih 90 minuta pod punom parom, ali nikad ne bi postigao gol da sudija nije pokazao na belu tacu. Prekrasj je postojao, ali je Kriaric povukao Barnesu ispred kaznenog prostora. Sudija je bez dvoumljenja dosudio najstroziju kaznu. Medjutim, jos tezi prekrasj nad Nicolaidisem nije hteo da vidi, jos manje zaslužno da kazni i ispravi dve prethodne greske na stetu JUST-a. Pre toga je dosudio ofsajd protiv Pallinkasa, iako je primio loptu od protivnickog igračice.

Pored svih ovih nezgoda JUST je smogao snagu da izjednači pred sam kraj utakmice. Bila je to mo istorija celokupne navale. Zapoceo je akciju Pallinkas, a završio Mendo Ristovski neodbranjivim udarcem sa deset metara. Sahovski receno, odrbrana Hakoaha se nasla u mat poziciji. JUST je svim snagama navalo da osvoji i drugi bod, ali je kraj utakmice dosao suviše brzo.

Iduce nedelje igra prvu ovogodisnju utakmicu u Sidneju protiv Western Suburbsa, koji igra sličan snagatorski nogomet kao Hakoah.

OSTALE UTAKMICE U MELBURNU

CROYDON CITY, koji se vraski namucio dok nije pobeodio nizerazredni klub Central Altonu, izbacio je iz Dockerty Kupa Makedoniju, skromnom ali zasluženom pobedom od 1:0. Essendon/Croatia je iako savladala Box Hill sa 3:1, pa je postala favorit broj 1 za osvajanje Dockerty Kupa.

U stubotu uvece na Olympic Parku MAKEDONIJA i Essendon/CROATIA igraju finale Ampol Kupa u Melburnu. Nema favorita, iako je Croatia postigla impresivne pobeđe u zadnjim susretima. U svakom slučaju bice to zanimljiva i uzbudljiva igra, koja se moze završiti izvođenjem jedanaesteraca.

"BELI ORLOVI" iz Sidneja uzvratili su bozicnu posetu Carlton/SRBiji, koju su ovog puta pobedili sa 2:0 (1:0) pred 1000 gledalaca u Gisbournu. Streici: Toma Mihajlovic i Stojan Bajic.

STARTUJU JUNIORI I INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

Novu nogometnu sezonu u Viktoriji otvaraju iduce nedelje juniori i Industrijska liga, u kojoj se takmicke mnogi nasi klubovi. U prvoj diviziji PEGASUS igra protiv Sperry Vickersa u gostima. Ovo je zgodna prilika za revans, jer je Sperry prošle godine izbacio Pegasus iz Black Douglas kupa. TARAX docekuje u nedelju pre podne MEKO/Richmond, za koji igraju takodje nasi momci.

A POEM TO SEXY PETER

Peter Laumets, the Preston-Makedonia goalkeeper, could be the first soccer player in Australia to have his own fan club.

Laumets already has at least one devoted fan who dreams of the day she'll meet the good-looking State player.

His female admirer, who wants to remain anonymous, sent the following poem to "Soccer Action" pleading for it to be printed.

There is a guy I LIKE a lot.

His name is Peter

Laumets,

It only I just knew him more,

Oh Boy, would I adore

I see him once a week at night,

But time just flies and flies,

Cos soccer is the game he loves,

And you would wonder why.

I wish he knew me just a bit,

So I could say hello,

For Peter looks the type of guy,

Who would never let you go.

For Peter is a spunky guy,

And sexy shall I say,

So if I don't get introduced,

He'll just turn and walk away.

So now I'll have to make a move,

Cos time's just flying by,

And Peter Laumets is the spunk,

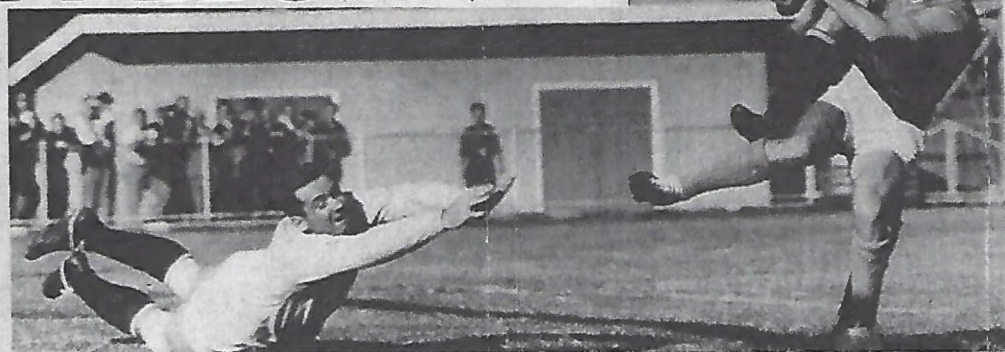
I want for all my life.

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Peter Laumets

Peter Laumets

RON LORD: A LEGEND



Sydney soccer fans know Ron Lord as one of the all-time greats who made his name as a brilliant and long-serving goalkeeper.

However, although he has played interstate, the Lord legend is not well known outside N.S.W.

For the benefit of Melbourne-based fans, Lord could be compared with Frank Micie, the J.U.S.T. star of 17 years, in terms of service to the game and outstanding ability.

The George Cross (Vic.) club thought so much of Lord's contribution that it presented him with a trophy when he was in Melbourne with Prague for a game in 1964.



Reg Date — forward with the shot of a mule.



The great Leo Baumgartner who played for Prague, Wollongong, APIA and Canterbury-Marrickville.



Joe Marston, one of Australia's finest centre halves, who also played in England.

Ron Lord dives in vain to block a shot by Canterbury-Marrickville centre forward Bill Travers (right) who is tackled by Prague's Stuart Sherwin.

KYLE PATTERSON talks to the man who played 399 First Grade games for Prague, Auburn and Drummoyne and took part in the 1956 Olympic Games during a representative career spanning 13 years. He also played against Everton, England, China, South Africa, New Zealand, and Rapid Vienna among others.



Ron Lord punches the ball away from Victoria's Eddy Jankowski. At left is NSW player Peter Banincevic.

It was Baumgartner's arrival in Australia that led to our suspension from F.I.F.A.

He played in Australia without getting a proper transfer, as did Herbert and Erwin Ninaus (both Austrian internationals) and Karl Jaros.

In the end, the A.S.F. had to pay F.I.F.A. £15000 to get re-entry into the world body.

Baumgartner's nickname in his playing days was "Sabrina".

"He could make the ball talk," said Ron, "and really captured the crowd's imagination."

Ron also admired Joe Marston, Reg Date and Wally Tamandl.

"Joe was one of the best centre halves I've seen," he said, "and Reg had one of the hardest shots in the game. Billy could hit a ball too!"

Strangely enough, Ron didn't take up goalkeeping until he was 17.

"I used to play full back," he said, "but one game I got a pretty bad kick on the ankle."

"I went and watched Drummoyne's second grade team play, and the keeper didn't turn up."

"I went in goal for that game and ended up playing in that position for the rest of my career."

Ron says a lot of the goalkeeping skills came to him naturally, but he had some help from a former Australian team keeper.

"The late Norm Conquest, who played for North Shore Metters, and the national team in the '40's, gave me some coaching but overall, coaching of keepers in those days was primitive."

Lack of coaching didn't stop the talented Lord, for about 18 months later he was in Drummoyne's first grade team.

Most keepers welcomed the change of rules to prevent forwards charging at keepers and knocking them over the

line for a goal, but not Lord.

"It took a lot of entertainment out of the game," he said, "and made it too easy for keepers."

"I think keepers get too much protection these days."

Lord transferred to Auburn in 1951, but the team won the wooden spoon in his first season there.

"It was a struggling team," said Ron, "but it helped my game tremendously as I was kept busy all the time and learnt how to handle all kinds of situations."

When the NSW Federation was formed in 1957, Ron transferred from Auburn which decided to stay with the Association.

He joined Prague and it led to success for the club and Lord.

Prague won the premiership three years in a row starting in 1959.

Lord finished his playing career in 1965 at 35 years of age.

A measure of his greatness was the fact that he had played representative soccer for his country or State for 13 years.

During that time he played against Everton, England, Austria, China,

South Africa, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Fiji, Rapid Austria and New Caledonia.

He played for Australia in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games against Japan, India and Russia.

"It's interesting to note," said Ron, "that in the five match series against England in 1951, Australia used 47 different players."

"That's a bit different to what goes on today."

Ron is not impressed with the standard of keeping in Australia at the moment.

"The standard leaves a lot to be desired," he said, "but of the keepers we have Allen Maher of Marconi would have to be the best."

With Ron Lord passing on his experience to younger keepers, the goalkeeping situation in Australia is bound to improve.

Karl Jaros, one of the players who caused Australia's suspension from FIFA by playing here without a clearance

STATE LEAGUE A 'DEAD DUCK'

PSL second division is next step : O'Hara

By KYLE PATTERSON

The State League is a "dead duck," says Victoria's most colorful player, Mike O'Hara, of Footscray J.U.S.T. "There is no atmosphere or interest and the standard has dropped way down," he said.

"I see the next step being the formation of a national league Second Division made up of State League clubs which want to go national."

It would solve the problem of relegation, from the P.S.L., he said.

O'Hara sought a transfer from Hakoah-St Kilda partly because of the depressing atmosphere in the State league, but mostly to prove himself one of Australia's best goalkeepers.

O'Hara's faith in himself was reinforced when he spent some time with Arsenal in late 1976.

"There is no difference in ability between Jimmy

Rimmer (who was Arsenal's keeper then, but is now with Aston Villa) and some of the keepers in the national league," O'Hara says.

"I reckon myself, Gary Meier (Olympic), Allan Maher (Marconi) or Kim Wishart (Brisbane City) could fill Rimmer's spot, but the thing is that Rimmer got the break and is in."

O'Hara was almost lost to the game a few weeks ago.

Having decided he had

had enough of the State League and wanting to play in the Phillips League, he waited anxiously for the break that would take him into the national limelight.

However, with the P.S.L. season only one week away O'Hara was still waiting.

"I started to think that I was never going to make it," said Mike, "but there was no way I was going to go back to the State League."

Then, out of the blue, came an offer from J.U.S.T. which was desperately looking for a goalkeeper after Dennis Boland was ruled out for two months due to illness.

O'Hara signed on a Sunday night and the next weekend he was between the sticks for J.U.S.T. opening game against Adelaide Juventus.

"It's fantastic," said O'Hara, "I felt as though I've been born again."

His move from Hakoah St Kilda cost J.U.S.T. \$3000 plus the transfer of Steve Adamkakis in exchange.

O'Hara played brilliantly in his debut for J.U.S.T., but what's amazing is the fact that the former Victorian State team keeper had trained for only one week before the big game.

"Until J.U.S.T. signed me," said Mike, "I hadn't touched a soccer ball since the last round of the 1977 State League when I broke a finger against George Cross."

"For the first 20 minutes of the Juventus game I didn't know what was going on."

"I didn't even know half the players' names and I was supposed to be calling for the ball from them!"

If O'Hara was in a daze for those first 20 minutes it would have been a sight to see.



Mike O'Hara — Hakoah, Slavia, back to Hakoah and now Footscray J.U.S.T.

'Our best keepers are good enough for Arsenal'

On a good day, O'Hara is sometimes as much an attraction as the game. His antics between the sticks have to be seen to be believed.

Sometimes he frantically waves his arms at defenders like a car park attendant trying to direct a traffic jam, or grimaces with pain as a forward from his team blasts the ball over the bar at the other end.

He pulls so many different faces he's reminiscent of Marcel Marceau, the French mimic.

However, it's only because he is concentrating so much on the play that he gets carried away.

Now that O'Hara has been given his chance he says everything is right for him to succeed.

"Last season was my best ever," said Mike, "and I think I'll reach my peak over the next two years."

O'Hara says he's 28, but he's really about 30. O'Hara is proud of the fact that he conceded only 20 goals in 22 games last season, which, in a bottom-half-of-the-ladder side like Hakoah, is a good achievement.

"I judge a keeper by how many goals he lets in," said Mike, "because no goal is unstoppable and it's the keeper's job to keep the ball out of the net."

A schoolteacher by profession, he has vitality and zest towards his job, his sport and life in general.

However, there have been times when soccer was a headache for him. He joined Slavia from Hakoah in 1972 and that year the club won promotion to the State League.

O'Hara planned 1973 to be his best year, as he hoped to be picked for Australia's World Cup squad.

"I decided to go flat out and try to win a place in the Australian team," said Mike, "but Slavia killed my chances."

"In the fourth round of the State League I was injured against Wilhemina

the next round.

However, Slavia went and bought Lou Ivanoff (former Makedonia, Mooroolbark and Slavia keeper) during the week and he took my place.

"I didn't get a fair crack of the whip at Slavia and I reckon it was because someone didn't like my face."

Disenchanted with the game, O'Hara stood out for 18 months.

"You are quickly forgotten in this game," said O'Hara, "and I thought I was finished."

Then I got a call from Sandy Henderson, the former Hakoah keeper, who was then coaching the club.

"He wanted me to play and I jumped at the chance and have never looked back."

"But Sandy had to talk the Hakoah committee into taking me back because I had left the club in dispute and they thought I was a trouble-maker."

O'Hara did his apprenticeship with Luton Town in England before moving to Swindon Town where he made his first team debut at the ripe old age of 15.

He played 38 games in two seasons with the club, often being hailed as the best at the club.

"We once appeared in front of 30,000 people when we were playing Coventry," he said.

"Coventry was in the middle of a good run and ended up winning promotion to the Second Division at the end of the season."

That Coventry team was managed by former England star Jimmy Hill, who is now one of the top soccer commentators in Britain.

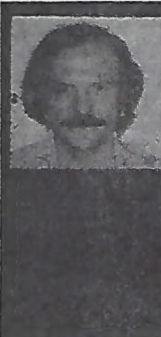
In typical O'Hara style, he packed his bags and headed for Australia to join Hakoah in his teens, leaving behind a promising career in the English League.

"It was my adventurous spirit that made me do it," said Mike, "and Australia seemed a good place for a holiday."

With the Phillips League season now hotting up O'Hara a former Victorian State player, is looking forward to the challenge.

He'll need about four games to settle into the team and get used to the players," he said, "but that will not be too difficult because they're a great bunch of lads at J.U.S.T."

Indeed, it will probably take the other players longer to get used to O'Hara and his unique and entertaining style of



PETER GEORGIU

of the
'Hellenic Herald'

ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΑΚΟ ΓΙΝΕΤΑΙ ΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΚΟ

Δέν είναι η πρώτη φορά που αποκλάσσε το έθνικό πρωτάθλημα... οικογενειακό. Και το αποκλάσσε οικογενειακό διότι συγκεντρώθηκαν 14 ομάδες και έκαναν δικό τους πρωτάθλημα το οποίο δεν είναι ούτε απόλυτα εθνικό, αφού δεν δεν συμμετέχουν ομάδες από την Τασμάνια και Δυτική Αυστραλία. Φέτος η... οικογένεια που ονομάζεται ελληνική Λίγκα, από το όνομα της εταιρίας που ανέλαβε τα έξοδα διαδρομής αυτής της οικογένειας, απόκτησε ένα καινούριο μέλος. Το... δράκος, ονομάζεται Νικόλαος Πουντέντζης και έγκειται σε μία ζευγαριά ομοσπονδία της Βορείου Ν.Ο.

Καλά μέχρι εδώ. Τα πάντα θα οι πάντες άρχισαν την εφετινή περίοδο με την αίσθηση για μία νέα κα επιτυχία (:) χρονιά και με την ανωριμότητα των ομάδων ότι όπως κι' άνα πάνε στο πρωτάθλημα το χειρότερο που μπορούν να πάρουν είναι να διεκδικούν την τελευταία θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνακα. Βλέπετε, διαδρομή δεν υπάρχει ακόμη και τα παιδιά παραμένουν στην «οικογένεια» και... στο κι' άπ' την αρχή των επόμενων χρόνων. Τι έχουμε τι χάσαμε δηλαδή.

Φέτος όμως παρατηρήσαμε μία περίπτωση αλλαγής στην οικογένεια και μία τάση του πρωταθλήματος να πάρει ένα κάποιο προσωπικό χαρακτήρα. Όλοι για έναν και ο καθένας για τον εαυτό του δηλαδή. Η παρουσία προέδρων των ομάδων σε θέσεις της εκτελεστικής επιτροπής της οικογένειας ελληνική Λίγκα άρχισε να δημιουργεί αμφισβησίες για την έκταση μεταχείρισης όλων των μελών της οικογένειας.

Πρώτη ένδειξη είναι οι προγραμματισμοί των αγώνων του πρωταθλήματος. Έδώ θα λέγαμε ότι η Αυστραλία έχει ένα «πρόγραμμα» Οι συναντήσεις των ομάδων προγραμματίζονται από την εκτελεστική επιτροπή χωρίς να κληρώνονται. Η κλήρωση των συναντήσεων είναι θεσμός σε κάθε άλλη χώρα του κόσμου όπου παίζεται το ποδόσφαιρο, ακόμη και στις Ην. Πολιτείες όπου η διεξαγωγή πρωταθλήματος έχει τη μορφή εργασιακού που παράγει ασφάλεια για τα μικρά παιδιά.

Απ' ότι ξέρουμε στις παραμονές της έναρξης κάθε πρωταθλήματος συγκεντρώνονται οι εκπρόσωποι όλων των ομάδων και παρακολουθούν την κλήρωση των αγώνων και τον σχηματισμό του προγράμματος τους. Στην Αυστραλία όμως δεν συμβαίνει κάτι τέτοιο. Στην ελληνική Λίγκα οι αγώνες κανονίζονται ανάλογα με τις ανάγκες (της οικονομικής) και δεν αποκλείεται να κανονίζονται ανάλογα με τις προτιμήσεις αυτών που κατέχουν θέσεις στην εκτελεστική επιτροπή και που συμβαίνει να είναι εκπρόσωποι των συλλόγων. Μπορεί π.χ. ο πρόεδρος της επιτροπής να υποκρίνεται στον πειρασμό και να κανονίσει αγώνες με την ομάδα του που θα συμφέρουν από βαθμολογικής πλευράς. Άλλος μπορεί να προτείνει να παίζει η ομάδα του τρεις περίπου αγώνες στην έδρα της και με εύκολους αντιπάλους πράγμα που θα βοηθήσει για να έχει ο σύλλογος μία γερή βαθμολογική θέση στις αρχές του πρωταθλήματος.

Δέν βέβαια να πούμε ότι πράγματι έτσι γίνεται και ούτε υπονοούμε ότι έτσι να γίνεται έτσι. Αυτό που θέλουμε να πούμε είναι ότι οι εκπρόσωποι των ομάδων που σήμερα κατέχουν θέσεις στην εκτελεστική επιτροπή και των οποίων οι αποφάσεις έχουν μεγάλη επίδραση στην όλη διεξαγωγή του πρωταθλήματος, βρίσκονται κάθε μέρα απέναντι στον πειρασμό να ενοχούν περισσότερο τις δικές τους, φυσικά ομάδες, παρά τις αντιπάλους.

Η άλλα λόγια το πρωτάθλημα κινδυνεύει να πάρει περισσότερο προσωπικό χαρακτήρα παρά οικογενειακό ήρω περσι. Ενοχούμενοι στην οικογένεια ελληνική Λίγκα δεν πρέπει να υπάρχουν, και η μεταχείριση των μελών πρέπει να είναι ότι. Πολλά όμως γεγονότα δείχνουν ότι συμβαίνει το αντίθετο.

Ο μόνος τρόπος λοιπόν για να έχουμε ένα κάποιο δημοκρατικό πρωτάθλημα είναι να αποσυρθούν οι πρόεδροι των συλλόγων από τις θέσεις που έχουν στην διοικητική επιτροπή και να αντικατασταθούν με ανεξάρτητους παράγοντες του ποδοσφαίρου. Άνθρωποι που γνωρίζουν από ποδόσφαιρο, που έχουν ιστορία στο ποδόσφαιρο και που δεν συνδέονται άμεσα με κανένα ποδοσφαιρικό σύλλογο. Άνθρωποι που θα επιβάλουν την κλήρωση των αγώνων του πρωταθλήματος και που θα καταρτίσουν το... κατά παραγγελία πρόγραμμα.

Μόνον τότε θα μπορούσαμε να πούμε ότι έχουμε εθνική κατηγορία και όχι οικογενειακό ή προσωπικό πρωτάθλημα.



Mike O'Hara in action



O'Hara with one of his most distinguished team-mates, George Keith (left) who played for Hakoah in the sixties before being capped for Australia and joining Sydney club APIA. O'Hara and Keith

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Edmund Kreft

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, Sydney, Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD, 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeqhelm, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium, Hindmarsh (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Perry Park, Mayne (Brisbane), Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 7, Canberra A.C.T. 2600

SECRETARY: H.G. Leslie bus (062) 81 1313

COACH: J. Warren.

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED** at National Athletic Stadium, Bruce (Canberra) Saturday 2.30 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. Phone (02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Sport Fashions

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park, Mayne (Brisbane), Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR: **JAT** YUGOSLAV AIRLINES

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Englefield Stadium, Dural (Sydney), Sunday 3 pm.



FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

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TRAVEL & TOURS

SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: T. Boggi

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne.
(03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Marconi Oval Bossley Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA CITY** at National Athletic Stadium, Bruce (Canberra), Saturday 2.30 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Erskineville Oval, Erskineville (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64,
ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus. (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. MacLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181
SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

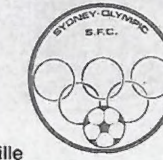
SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskineville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskineville

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices

This week's match: v. **ST GEORGE** at Erskineville Oval, Erskineville (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Hindmarsh Stadium, Hindmarsh (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Englefield Stadium, Dural (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

